

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier (Bach/Rawstone)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters
Peter & Andrea Drost

INTROIT Come, O Holy Spirit (F.Kaan/R.Klusmeier)

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the day of Pentecost came... there was a noise
Holly Williamson, Debra Hilliard, Nancy Kerswill

HYMN I Feel the Winds of God VU 625

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Holy sprightly God, we delight at your dancing among us, filling the world with joyful possibility, revealing the music of the Creator. We rejoice at your daring spontaneity and find ourselves caught off guard by your unexpected communications. In a world that can seem predictable, you spark into being new possibilities; you gently purge our missteps in the warmth of your breath, freeing us. In a world that can seem drab, you weave your ever-changing patterns into the fabric of our beings. In a world that can appear purposeless, your vitality shouts out a mighty 'yes' to life and declares the source of all living to be the One from whom you proceed, the Father and Mother, Creator and Lover of us all. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, who promised your coming and reigns with you in the eternal kinship of the Creator, one perfect Trinity of love. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

All the members of the body, though many, are one body. So it is with Christ.
Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Dance With the Spirit (Strathdee)
MV 156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 p.174 Pew Bible NT
(One Spirit; many gifts.) Colleen Abbott

ANTHEM I Will Sing With the Spirit (J.Rutter)

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21 p.119 Pew Bible NT
(The Holy Spirit comes in wind and flame.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Ever the Wind

***HYMN** Spirit God, Be Our Breath (B.Harding) MV 150
Spirit God: be our breath, be our song. Blow through us, bringing strength to move on. Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...Spirit God, be our song.

Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear. Comfort us. When we know you are near we grow more certain, our vision is clear. Patient God, calm our fear.

Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer. Reaching out, joining hands as we share, we seek your guidance through friendship and care. Loving God, be our prayer.

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song. Blow through us, bringing strength to move on. Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...Spirit God, be our song.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

*** THE CREED * THE PEACE**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Who'll Be a Witness (arr. Sondra Tucker)
Bellissimo Handbell Ensemble

***DEDICATION** We Are An Offering (D. Liles)
**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voice, Lord use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours;
we are an offering.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER
PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
(Transfer of Membership) Leta Dayfoot, Ernest Ackert,
Jane Bishop (Affirmation/Reaffirmation of Membership)
Peter Zsebik, Marilyn Zsebik, Barbara York

Let us pray- **We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (on insert)

HYMN She Comes Sailing on the Wind **VU 380**

*** COMMISSIONING**

God of fire and beauty—**warm us.**
God of peace and justice—**disturb us.**
God of wind and wonder—**amaze us.**
God of Pentecost—**kindle your love in our lives!**

***SUNG BLESSING VU 962 (M.T. Winter)**

**May the blessing of God go before you. May God's
grace and peace abound. May God's Spirit live
within you. May God's love wrap you 'round.
May God's blessing remain with you always.
May you walk on holy ground.**

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress is Our God (F. Peeters)

Mysterious God

Mysterious God,
you rustle the trees
and rattle my soul
and put paid to my feelings of aloneness.
You tap a march
up the spine of my being,
crash into doubt
and cast fear down
where fear belongs.
The shadow of death
is but a shadow,
for life's spark is lit
by your Spirit of love.

Alma Fritchley

The New Creed

We are not alone,
We live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 2023
11:00 AM

*And so we sing of God the Spirit, who from the
beginning has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter and moving in the
human heart. We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our
prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns
and confessions, transforming us and the world.*
(United Church of Canada. Song of Faith, 2006)



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from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.

I Feel the Winds of God

I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift, though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use, I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears, until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years; if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be, O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown, lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone. Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift. I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.



She Comes Sailing on the Wind

She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun; on a journey just begun, she flies on. And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night, full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth, like an empty cradle waiting to be filled. And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth, like a mother breathing life into her child. (to Verse 2)

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form. Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight, and then down the ages still she flew on. **R**

To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came, a whisper softly calling in the dark, the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end, Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart. (to Verse 4)

Flying to the river, she waited circling high above the child now grown so full of grace. As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky, and she carried him away in her embrace. **R**

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world, after dawn returned in flame of rising sun, the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled, bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. **R**