

## **SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**



**PRELUDE** Sheep May Safely Graze  
Tim Birtch & Margaret Wolf, piccolo (*Bach/Seipp*)

### ***WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE***

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

***Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/  
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion*** Louise Procter Maio

**INTROIT** In Our Own Voice (*S.E.Murray/L.E.Schultz*)

### ***CALL TO WORSHIP***

From deep soil comes bold and daring growth.  
From the seeds of our past will come fresh new growth.

**We come today to marvel at what has been  
harvested and prepare for what will come.**

We come to celebrate where we are and where we have  
been. We come rejoicing with our ancestors in faith  
across generations:

**The Methodists, Congregationalists, and  
Presbyterians, the Evangelical Brethren, and Local  
Union Churches, and our full communion partners  
across the world:**

The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea,  
**The United Church of Christ,**

The United Church of Christ in the Philippines,  
and the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church).

**We give thanks to God for the blessings of past,  
present, and future, and dare to plant these seeds  
of faith anew as we come together in worship!**

**\*HYMN** I Feel the Winds of God Today VU 625

## ***PRAYER FOR RENEWAL***

Creator God, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary  
United Church, we gather and give thanks for the  
times when we have been communities of Christ—  
followers who have made way for inclusion,  
compassion, justice, and care to be known. We  
celebrate this morning how the church has worked  
toward living into right relationship with each other  
and mending the world. We also recognize that the  
other side of joy is sorrow, and we receive your  
grace when we have tried and failed to live out this  
love in action. We pause to honour those who have  
gone before us: leaders, educators, preachers,  
administrators, caregivers, dishwashers, builders,  
bakers, storytellers, peace-makers, musicians, and  
so many more—all part of the cloud of witnesses.  
As we lean into the future, trusting in the Spirit's  
guidance, we honour the United Church's deep  
desire to live into right relations with First Nations  
people, its commitment to the inter-cultural and  
anti-racist church that we are becoming, and the  
shared joy of journeying together in hope. God in  
community— Holy in One, we pray in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### ***WORDS OF GRACE***

In God we are known and loved.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SUNG RESPONSE** Sing, Sing Out! (*MV 180*)

Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.  
Sing oh people as one voice! Sing, sing out!  
Sing a new song. Sing of God. Each heart rejoice!  
*Repeat*

## **FINDING GOD TOGETHER**

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 104 VU p.827 Pt.2 Ref 1  
(How great are all God's works.) Jackie Catto

**ANTHEM** This is the Day (*John Rutter*)

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 2:1-21 p. 119 Pew Bible NT  
(The coming of the Holy Spirit.)

*Come to the quiet...a time for reflection*

**SERMON** A Place at the Table  
(One-hundred years of welcome.)

**\*HYMN** Oh, a Song Must Rise (*P.Svenson/arr. B.Nixon*)  
*Oh, a song must rise for the spirit to descend. Oh a song  
must rise once again (again). Singing out God's praises  
and glory, the faithful voices blend, Oh a song must rise  
for the spirit to descend. (descend)*

From the mountains to the valleys, from the desert to the  
sea, a song must rise once again. From the voices of our  
leaders, the voice of you and me, a song must rise for the  
spirit to descend. *Oh, a song must rise...*

From poverty and riches, from the voice of young and old,  
A song must rise once again. (again) From the free and the  
imprisoned, the timid and the bold, a song must rise for the  
spirit to descend. *Oh, a song must rise...*

From every house of worship, in every faith and tongue,  
a song must rise once again. From the villages and cities  
a new song must be sung, a song must rise for the spirit  
to descend. *Oh, a song must rise...*

## **SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**\*THE NEW CREED** VU p.918

**\* THE PEACE**

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD OFFERTORY**

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (*J.S.Bach/arr.C.Seipp*)  
Tim Birtch & Margaret Wolf, trumpets

**\*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**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (*on insert*)

**\* HYMN** She Comes Sailing on the Wind **VU 380**  
(Refrain, vss 1 & 2...Ref....vss 3 & 4...Ref... Vs 5, Ref.)

**\*COMMISSIONING**

The Maker's blessing be yours—  
**on our road—on our journey—  
guarding us, cherishing us.**

The Son's blessing be yours—  
**wine and water—bread and stories—  
feeding us, challenging us.**

The Spirit's blessing be yours—  
**wind and fire—joy and wisdom—  
comforting us—disturbing us.** (*Iona Community*)

**\*SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go *MV 216*

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
and your people shall be my people too.  
Wherever you may go I will follow,  
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

**POSTLUDE** Trumpet Tune (*Henry Purcell arr. Chuck Seipp*)  
Tim Birtch/Margaret Wolf

### **The Season of Pentecost**

Pentecost is celebrated on a Sunday 50 days after Easter  
(counting Easter Sunday. Pentecost comes from the Greek word  
*pentekoste* meaning 50th (day). Pentecost is a reference to the  
Jewish festival Shavuot or the Festival of Weeks, which is held on  
the 50th day after the second day of Passover. The festival  
celebrates the giving of the Torah to the Israelites at Mount Sinai.

The colour for Pentecost is **Red!**



The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries,  
from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous  
Peoples.



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### **PENTECOST/100th Anniversary UCC PRIDE MONTH**

**June 8, 2025**

**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)*

## 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.

## Psalm 104

**R Bless, O my soul, the Almighty who rules all creations.**

O God, how manifold are your works!

**With Wisdom at your side you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. R**

There lies the great and mighty Sea, teeming with living things both great and small.

**Upon it sail the ships, and there is Leviathan, the monster you made to play in it.**

All these look to you, to give them their food in due season.

**What you give them they gather up. When you open your hand, you fill them with good things.**

But when you hide your face they despair. When you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.

**But when you send out your spirit, they live again, and you renew the face of the earth. R**

May your glory, O god, endure forever.

**May you rejoice, O God, in your works.**

When you look at the earth it trembles,

**when you touch the mountains they smoke.**

I will sing to God as long as I live.

**I will praise my God while I have being. R**

## She Comes sailing on the Wind

**R 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**

