

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

May 19, 2024

Pentecost

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Shirley Godfree

WELCOME

INTROIT: Choir

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE – Kashious

VIDEO: PENTECOST GREETING: Moderator the Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One **(pouring water):** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

All: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters.

Natalie **(sound wind chimes):** The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

All: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"

Bradley: **(carrying soil):** When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

All: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.

One: **(lighting fire pot):** I baptize with you water; but one more powerful than I is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

All: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Amelia: May the Lord give strength to the people!

All: May the Lord bless the people with peace!

Written by John Paarlberg, pastor of First Church in Albany, New York
<https://www.faithward.org/pentecost-sunday-prayer-and-liturgy-ideas/>

OPENING HYMN: VU # 334 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels' prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him
crown him crown him crown him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe responsive to the call,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him
crown him crown him crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
Join in the everlasting song and crown him
crown him crown him crown him Lord of all.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy Spirit, dance your light into the corners of our lives:
when we are cold, bring us warmth; when we are afraid, bring us comfort;
when we are lost, brighten the path; when we are unsure, mark the way;
when we are in need, come into our presence. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

One: Generous God, you give us the gift of your Spirit, but we confess that we have not known how to use it.

All: You send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid.

One: You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.

All: You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.

One: Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again:

All: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.

One: We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,

All: and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Hear the Good News: God has not abandoned us to the grave. In Jesus Christ, God has forgiven us, and has shown us the paths of life.

All: God's Spirit is among us; we shall live!

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S HYMN: CCS # 22 "Behold what manner of love"

Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us

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That we should be called the children of God

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES: Responsive Reading: Psalm 104 VU # 827 Part Two (24-35)

Reader: Sarah van Hoeve

O God, how manifold are your works!

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

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.**

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.

Gospel: Acts 2:1-21 pg. 119 Reader: Shirley Godfree

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ, the Word. Amen.

SERMON: "The Holy Spirit" Rev. Karlene Brown-Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S NOISY COIN COLLECTION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

We have much to return in gratitude to you, O God, and much to share with the world around us. Bless now these gifts, that they may be signs of your Spirit's movement.

Accept them also as tokens of our intent to serve you and proclaim your good news in every way, through the power of your Spirit dwelling in us Amen.

Hymn VU # 480 "Let Us Break Bread Together" (vs. 1, 2 & refrain)

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees;

Refrain: When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.

(Refrain)

Affirmation of Faith

The New Creed (in unison)

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Spirit of God be with you all.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them to God.

Give thanks to our God!

All our thanks, all our praise!

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Before all that is, You were God. Outside all we know, You are God. After all is finished, You will be God. Archangels sound the trumpets, Angels teach us their song, Saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:

Holy, Holy, Holy, God, our life, our mercy, our might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Save us, we pray, you beyond all. Blest is the One who comes in your name. Save us, we pray, you beyond all.

On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, we remember your Son, His life with the humble, His death among the wretched, His resurrection for us all: Your wisdom our guide, Your justice our strength, Your grace our path to rebirth.

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit. Enliven this bread, Awaken this body, Pour us out for each other. Transfigure our minds, Ignite your church, Nourish the life of the earth. Make us, while many, united, Make us, though broken, whole, Make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Praise now, Praise tomorrow, Praise forever.

Amen!

THE ACTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

One: The bread which we break

All: is our communion in the body of Christ.

One: The cup of blessing which we bless

All: is our communion in the blood of Christ

LET US PRAY (in unison)

Lord, we come to your Table not because we are worthy but because of your grace towards us! So feed us with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, your Son that we may for ever live in him and he is us. Amen.

SHARING IN COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may so put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.

IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN: "O Let the Power Fall on Me"

O let the power fall on me, My Lord
Let the power fall on me;
O let the power from heaven fall on me
Let the power fall on me.

For we want power to live as one; yes Lord,
We want power to live as one;
So, as we pray and intercede for some,
May the Spirit make us one.

Send us the promised Comforter, O Christ,
Send us the promised Comforter;
And let our hearts be filled with love O Christ,
When the Spirit come like Dove.

Give us the power here and now, O Christ,
Please for the power here and now;
Send us the power of grace and peace and love,
Send us the power of peace and love.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: We are the church! We follow where the Spirit leads, daring to be risk takers wherever we go!

All: We are filled with the breath of the Holy Spirit!

One: May the blessing of God, Creator and Giver of Life, the Son, Life of God incarnate, and the Holy Spirit,

All: bearer and power of new life among all people be with us now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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We welcome all who join us for in-person worship today and online.



Everyone is invited to join for fellowship and refreshments in the Friendship room after today's service for refreshments. Members of the Congregation are hosting today.



In our thoughts and prayers this week is:

Jim Withington, Margaret Vanderzweerde and her granddaughter Emily.



Our prayers and condolences to Randy Just and family on the passing of his Mom, Donna Just on Thursday morning. No details available yet.

The flowers today are in memory of Harold & Violet and Russell Mannell and are given by Florence and family. The flowers will be delivered to sick/shut-ins or persons with special celebrations following worship.

Happy Birthday Cheers go out this week to Lisa Houston on May 20, Jeanette van Hoeve on May 21 and Debbie Rushton on May 22.



Two May 24 birthdays - celebrating are Aidan Rushton and Norma Collis.

The office will be closed Monday, May 20 for Victoria Day holiday.

You can still bring photos of you and your Mom for display in the Rotunda! We will display for a few weeks.

We made a donation for \$157.20 to Oxford County Canadian Mental Health from our coin collection on May 5.

The **UCW Friendship Circle** will meet

May 22 24 at 1p.m. in the Friendship room

Speaker: Kelly Spencer - Program: "Health and Wellness"

All ladies are welcome.



May 26 is UCW Sunday. We are having a special speaker, Rev. Paul Ivany retired minister of Norval United Church, Georgetown. Paul is the author of The Daily Minute - a short inspirational message which arrives in your email each day. Many of you receive this. If you would like to subscribe to it here is a link <http://norvalunited.ca/contact>.

Calling all bakers...

On Saturday June 8th, the UCW is having an outdoor bake sale at St. Paul's Church. We would appreciate all donations of baked goods to help raise money for our outreach programs. Prepackaged items may be dropped off at the ramp entrance on Friday June 7th from 1 to 4pm. For more information, please contact Mary at 519-409-0716.



**Helping Hand Foodbank needs for May
Our last foodbank donation was 54lbs.**

Tuna & canned meats
Fruit cups

Canned tomatoes
Cereal

Canned pasta sauce
Drink boxes

Pork & Beans





Please think of St. Paul's when 'cleaning out' your home; we could probably use it for our yard sale scheduled for Saturday June 8th from 9-1. We will be sorting the goods in the choir room. We take anything and everything in 'good condition'. **We are especially looking for tools, children's books and toys.**



The UCW will once again have a 'bake table'. We will have BBQ'd hot dogs etc. etc. also.

Items can be dropped off from 10:30 A.M. until noon on Wednesdays and Fridays. The items can be left at the Bidwell entrance inside the doors not blocking the entrance please. They can be put on the trolley and we will get them downstairs for sorting.

Now we just need a 'good weather' day on June 8th!

Thank you in advance for your co-operation." Lesley, Brenda and Karon

For friends or family in hospital (here in Tillsonburg or elsewhere) please contact our Church Office (519-688-0011) with Hospital name and details to let our minister know so she can follow-up with a visit or a phone-call. Hospitals no longer provide daily lists of patients wanting visits and we would not want to miss you.

<p>DID YOU KNOW?</p>	<p>... that we still collect stamps for Leprosy Canada, pop pull tabs for wheelchairs, Cowards Perks for use buying items for the Frosty Fair bazaar.</p>
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