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**St. Mary the Virgin Anglican  
& Vegreville United Churches**



## **Pentecost Sunday**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**A Blended Communion Service in the  
Anglican and United Church Traditions**

**Worship Leader: The Rev. Laureta Blondin**

**Music provided by Companions on the Journey & Ellen Johnstone**

**Monetary gifts of cash or personal cheque can be placed  
in the offertory plate by the front door.**

(\* = Please stand, but only if it is comfortable to do so.)



# **Pentecost Sunday**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.

## **Musical Prelude**

### **Land Acknowledgement & Prayer**

**All** As we gather to worship, let's respectfully pause to remember we live and work and worship on Treaty 6 lands that are, by law, the unceded territory of the original First Nations peoples.

**Creator of all, give us one heart and one mind that we may live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with all diverse peoples who now call this land home. Amen.**

♪ **Opening Hymn** ..... **All Things Bright and Beautiful** (CP #415)

### **The Gathering and Call to Worship**

**One** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**All** **The Lord has risen, indeed, Alleluia!**

**One** May his grace and peace be with you.

**All** **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**One** We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world,

**All** **May its light brighten our spirits, and may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.**

## Collect for Purity

*One* Almighty God,

*All* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the  
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your  
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \* ♪ Glory to God

*All* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on  
earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for  
your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord  
God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy  
One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the  
Father. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

*One* Almighty and everliving God,

*All* **who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy  
Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life  
eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every  
tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. Amen.**

# Proclamation of God's Word

## First Reading ..... Acts 2.1–21 [NRSV]

<sup>2</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

<sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup><sup>a</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before

the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 104.25–35, 37b

Refrain 2

*Melchior Vulpius 1609*

*arr. Ernest Campbell MacMillan ca. 1930*

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!

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O God, how manifold are your works! \*

**With wisdom at your side you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures. (♪ Refrain)**

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 our 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. (♪ Refrain)**

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. (♪ Refrain)**

**Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 12.3b–13 [NRSV]**

<sup>3b</sup>no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

<sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

<sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

<sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Gradual Hymn . Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow** (CP# 249)

**The Gospel ..... John 20.19–23 [NRSVUE]**

*One*      The Lord be with you.

*All*      **And also with you.**

*One* This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All* **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'<sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'<sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

*One* The Gospel of Christ.

*All* **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon** ..... The Rev. Laureta Blondin

### **Apostle's Creed**

*Officiant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, ✠ and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# The Prayers of the People

*We hold the following ministries, communities, and people in prayer. During the Prayers of the People in our services of worship we bring before God the needs of others and ourselves. Please consider offering these requests to God in your own daily prayers through this week.*

In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to God the Father, that through his dear Son, he would accomplish his will for the Church, the world, and all people for whom we pray. Our response to, "Come, Holy Spirit," is "*hear us and help us.*"

Abba, Father! For Jesus' sake, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we may call you Father. Thank you for giving us the same Spirit that filled your beloved Son. Thank you for the gifts of that Spirit, given so we may bless and praise you, and proclaim your love to those who need it most (*pause*)  
Come, Holy Spirit, **hear us and help us.**

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for the church. Today:

- in the Anglican Communion's world cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and the leadership of *The Episcopal Church in the Philippines* as well as the Edmonton Diocese's own companion Diocese of Buyé in Burundi, Africa.
- in the United Church of Canada cycle of prayer, we pray for our Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Kimberly Heath as well as the people and leadership of the *Prairie to Pine Region*.
- in the Anglican Church of Canada cycle of prayer, we pray for the Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, our primate, and also the people of The Territory of the People and the Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon, their Bishop.
- in the Northern Spirit Region cycle of prayer, we pray for Leigh Sinclair, our chair, and for the Rev. Adam Hall, our Pastoral Relations Minister, and especially today also for the people and leadership of the *Merritt: Trinity Pastoral Charge*.
- in the Diocese of Edmonton cycle of prayer, we pray for the Rt. Rev. Stephen London, our Bishop as well as the people and leadership of *Church of the Nativity, Frog Lake*.

- in our local cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and the leadership of *Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church*.
- in our wider ecumenical cycle of prayer, we pray for both peace and the people and the leadership of *all churches in the Middle East*.
- in our indigenous cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and the leadership council of the *Kehewin Cree Nation*.

Pour out your Spirit upon the Church. Kindle in it the flame of truth, holiness, and goodness. Make it steadfast in suffering, faithful in witness, generous in service, and ardent in worship. Conform it to Christ, so that, through your Spirit, many are drawn to faith in Him (*pause*). Come, Holy Spirit, **hear us and help us**.

When they were persecuted, the martyrs' joyful faith softened stony hearts. Do this also for your servants who suffer on account of Christ today. Sustain them with your life-giving Spirit. Let their faithful suffering bear rich fruit, feeding even their tormentors with repentance and faith. (*pause*). Come, Holy Spirit, **hear us and help us**.

Renew the hearts, minds, worship, and life of this congregation. Make us lovely and loving, joyful and kind, faithful and forgiving, generous and patient, humble and valiant. Make us look like Jesus, and use us to draw others into his nearer presence (*pause*). Come, Holy Spirit, **hear us and help us**.

Through your Spirit, you gave the apostles words to proclaim your saving truth to pilgrims from many nations. We pray for translators, editors, commentators, authors, and narrators; for speech therapists; for teachers, tutors, and theologians; and for all of us. Let us use words wisely and well. Give us a passion for speaking truth in love. By that same Spirit, discipline our tongues to *refrain* from words that hurt without cause, from convenient lies, and from rhetoric that inflames base passions. And to those who cannot speak, impart your Spirit who searches the heart and intercedes before you with sighs too deep for words (*pause*). Come, Holy Spirit, **hear us and help us**.

Instruct the leaders of the nations in your ways, O Lord. Give them the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of you, their Lord; so that they, and the people in their care, may have joy in your presence. Teach all of us the things that make for peace; and give us a spirit willing to them (*pause*). Come, Holy Spirit, **hear us and help us.**

Bring healing and hope also to everyone who has been afflicted by suffering, and who needs the grace of your life-giving Spirit. Especially we remember before you those we name before you now aloud or hold within the silence of our hearts (*long pause*). Along with those for whom no one prays, your Spirit brings renewed life to all creation. Grant that renewal to your servants, and to all who care for them. Come, Holy Spirit, **hear us and help us.**

We joyfully pray for all our brothers and sisters in this community celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and any other life milestones or accomplishments. (*pause*). Come, Holy Spirit, **hear us and help us.**

Thank you, heavenly Father, for receiving our beloved dead into your arms. Thank you for the life, death and resurrection of your dear Son, who has bestowed the Spirit of life upon all who trust in him. Breathe that Spirit into our lives, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Raise us up in the power of the Spirit and in union with our dear Saviour, so that with the whole redeemed and renewed creation, we may forever adore and worship you, the Lord of heaven and earth. Come, Holy Spirit, **hear us and help us.**

Hear our prayers, O Father, for the sake of Jesus your Son; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, bring what is pleasing in your sight to fruition in our lives. **Amen.**

## **\* Confession and Absolution**

**One** Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**One** Most merciful God,

**All** **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**One** Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**All** **Amen.**

## **\* The Peace**

**One** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Members of the community greet those around them with a sign of peace (handshakes or hugs) and words like "The peace of the Lord be always with you." This ancient tradition is an appropriate response to the peace that God gives to those who hear and do his word.*

## **Invitation to Share**

**One** We have witnessed the fruits of God's Spirit, in the faithful ancestors who came before us building the church, in the humble acknowledgement of wrongs and the seeking of reconciliation, and the works done for justice. We have witnessed God's blessings in our Anglican and United Church communities now gathered all together in one place in Vegreville sharing our love, grace and resources for the flourishing of all. With thanksgiving and joy, we present our offerings this day for what has been and what will come.

\* 🎵 **Offertory Hymn: .... I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say** (VU #626)

## **Offertory Prayer**

**One** Empowering God, we believe your Spirit is with us this day, leading us into a new future. We offer our time, talents, finances, and hopes, trusting you to do more than we can dream possible. Bless us and these offerings with your Spirit. May we be bold disciples, deeply connected to you, who dare to act for justice. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## \* **Holy Communion**

*On Pentecost, the gift of God's Spirit was given freely to all who longed to receive it. On this day of Pentecost, we welcome all those who long to follow in the Way of Jesus to share in this sacrament of Communion.*

**One** God is with us.

**All** **We are not alone.**

**One** Christ is present here.

**All** **The Spirit is among us!**

**One** Let us give thanks to God

**All** **in memory and in hope.**

**One** Let us give thanks to God

Blessed are you, Gracious God,

for you grace this world with life and light and love.

In the beginning your Spirit moved across the deep waters like the Northern Lights dance across the skies at night.

Amid emptiness and chaos, you sought connection, and so, you created day and night, skies and seas, plants and trees, the stars in the sky, the animals that fly and the animals that swim, the animals that walk and sing and sing, and you call us all good.

- One* And over time, your Spirit continued to call forth wisdom and courage for your people: filled with the Spirit, Miriam danced for joy on the shores of the Red Sea. To Elijah, the Spirit was heard in the still, small voice after the fire and wind. Ezekiel witnessed your Spirit breathe life into a people without hope. To the prophet Joel, you promised: "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your children will prophesy, your elders will dream dreams, your youth will see visions. And on my servants, people of all genders and races, I will pour out my Spirit in those days."
- One* Yet we turned from you, afraid and uncertain of what you would do. Yet you continued to pursue us in love, coming to Mary who boldly said yes and so, you brought that Spirit into the world once more, alive and embodied in Jesus, the Christ. He lived with the Spirit's deep passion and wisdom. He boldly shared the Spirit's joy and compassion. He dared to dream that your kingdom will come on earth, as it is in heaven, and he called us all to follow in his Way. And, on Pentecost, his followers received your Spirit, too. They proclaimed your goodness in every language, singing:

## ♪ **The Sanctus**

- All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth of your glory are full.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**
- Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth of your glory are full.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**
- Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ✕  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
- Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth of your glory are full.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**One** Living in the Spirit's ways drew attention, both from those who sought to follow and those who were afraid. And so, we remember the courage and vision Jesus shared with his friends on the night he was betrayed. During supper, Jesus took a loaf of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take this bread and eat. This is my body which is given for you. When you eat, do this in remembrance of me."

*The Bread is Broken*

**One** And after supper, he took the cup of blessing. He gave thanks to God, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "Take this cup and drink. This cup is God's promise, shared in my life. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

*The Wine is Poured*

**Memorial Acclamation**

**All** **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again!**

**One** Pour out your Spirit once more upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup so that we might witness your Spirit in action and join in Christ's life, proclaiming your joy and our Kingdom. On this Pentecost day, we pray: Come, Holy Spirit!

**All** **Come, Holy Spirit! Amen.**

\* ♪ **The Lord's Prayer** .....(VU 959)

**All** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

## The Communion

**An Open Table!** Here at the Anglican & United Church Ministries, we believe that when we celebrate Holy Communion, we are all guests at the table, with Jesus himself as our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of the Holy Communion is open to all—including children—who wish to know the presence of Christ and the entire community of God's people, and not merely members of this congregation. This is a joyful feast for all the people of God.

Those who do not wish to receive communion are most welcome and encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Please make your way to the serving station at the front of the sanctuary, by way of a centre aisle. Receive the elements and then return to your seat by an outside aisle.

**Important Health Notice:** For your health and the health of others, please use the hand sanitizer provided in the main aisle before receiving communion. Communion bread is gluten free. There is also both consecrated wine (go to your left) and grape juice (go to your right).

♪ Communion Hymn ..... ***Spirit of the Living God*** (VU #376)

## Prayer after Communion

**All** In your grace and by your Spirit we have been fed at this table, brought into communion with you and each other. May this banquet so inspire us to love as we have been loved, feed as we have been fed, and to welcome all as Christ has welcomed us. In this way, we will witness your reign on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

## Doxology

**All** Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Commissioning

**One** Beloved, as you go out into the world this year, hold this blessing on your heart: God who created you has chosen you for hope. So, may the Word of Life dance into you like the lights in the northern sky. May the power of the Spirit awaken your heart with awe, and may your witness awaken the world in which you live. May we travel together, listen together, love together, and grow together in the life of Christ, as the Body of Christ. For we are called to life—to live a Deep Spirituality, a Bold Discipleship, and a Daring Justice in Christ’s name, through whom all things are possible.

## Benediction

**All** The peace of God that passes all understanding; keep your hearts and minds on the love of God and on his Son, Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all, always.

**All** **Amen.**

## God Moments & Announcements

♪ **Recessional Hymn ... *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love***

1. We Are One In The Spirit, We Are One In The Lord;  
We Are One In The Spirit, We Are One In The Lord;  
And We Pray That All Unity Will One Day Be Restored.

**Chorus:**

**And They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love, By Our Love,  
Yes, They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love.**

2. We Will Walk With Each Other, We Will Walk Hand In Hand;  
We Will Walk With Each Other, We Will Walk Hand In Hand;  
And Together We’ll Spread The News That God Is In Our Land.

3. We Will Work With Each Other, We Will Work Side By Side;  
We Will Work With Each Other, We Will Work Side By Side;  
And We’ll Guard Each Man’s Dignity And Save Each Man’s Pride.

4. All Praise To The Father, From Whom All Things Come;  
And All Praise To Christ Jesus, His Only Son.  
And All Praise To The Spirit Who Makes Us One.

## The Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* ♪ **Three-Fold Amen** .....(VU #967)

***Thank you for worshipping with us!  
Fellowship time, with coffee and treats,  
follows our service in the auditorium. Please stay and join us.***

## Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

**Donations to our churches:** To continue the good work of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican and Vegreville United churches and ensure their ongoing presence in our community, your financial support is most appreciated. Donations can be made by either cash, cheque or e-transfer. Please use one of the envelopes located in the Narthex for cash or cheque donations and place the envelope in the offertory plate by the door. If writing a cheque, **please ensure your cheque is made payable to either Vegreville United Church or St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church.** Annual Tax Receipts are provided for all donations totalling \$20 or more per year to the church of your choice. E-transfers for Vegreville United Church can be sent to [vegucc@telusplanet.net](mailto:vegucc@telusplanet.net) and e-transfers for St. Mary's can be sent to [stmarysvegreville@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysvegreville@gmail.com). Cheques can also be sent via post to 5126-48 Avenue, Vegreville, AB T9C 1M7.

**Upcoming Ministry Schedule:** Worship services are at 10:00 AM (unless otherwise noted) and alternate between the Anglican and United worship styles at Vegreville United with occasional blended services:  
May 31<sup>st</sup> **Trinity Sunday:** A blended communion service.  
June 7<sup>th</sup> **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** A communion service in the United Church tradition with a potluck lunch following.

June 14<sup>th</sup> **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** A communion service in the Anglican Church tradition.

June 21<sup>st</sup> **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** A worship service in the United Church tradition.

June 28<sup>th</sup> **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** A communion service in the Anglican Church tradition.

**The United Church of Canada wants to hear from Anglican-United Church Ministries (Vegreville):** Rev. Susan Lukey, the editor for *Gathering Worship Resource* and *GatheringWorship.ca* for the United Church of Canada has reached out to our own local church community to specifically share our “good wisdom and perspectives about entering into Shared Ministry.” This is a great opportunity to share with other United church communities across Canada about some of the joys (and struggles) we've experienced as we have grown closer together in a new Ecumenical Shared Ministry. Please write your personal thoughts down and forward them to our church office in a sealed envelope no later than June 1, 2026. To protect the confidentiality of your personal comments, please do not put your name or return address on the front of the envelope. A small group (no clergy) from Vestry/Council will be identified to review and craft a formal response based on all comments received. Rev. Laureta will forward a separate clergy response.



**Spring Rummage Sale:** Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM). This sale is the same date as the community-wide Garage Sale. Please start collecting those items you would like to donate. Due to space limitations, donations will ONLY be received at the church in the week before the sale. Anyone needing extra assistance to get items to the church, please call Irene in the church office to make arrangements (780-632-2338). Volunteers will be needed to help set up ahead of the sale as well and work throughout the

sale day. If you are able to help in any way, please speak to Rev. Laureta Blondin or call the church office.



**Silent Auction Fundraiser:** If you attended the Spring Tea & Bake Sale, you may have noticed the beautiful painting of the roses (pictured) that is up for auction in the auditorium. Currently the bid stands at \$40 but if you would like to still bid on this item (\$5 minimum bid increments please), email or call the office before May 31st. If you would like to see the actual painting, come by the office after Sunday worship services to see what it looks like. You can sign your name and place your best bid.

**Prayers of the People:** While you are always encouraged to name aloud those you are praying for during the Prayers of the People, some people find this a difficult task when they are in a stance of prayer. To add a name to the prayers for the sick (only first name will be read out) or those who have died (full name will be read out): Please email Irene Sabados in the Church office, [vegucc@telusplanet.net](mailto:vegucc@telusplanet.net) or give her a call (780) 632-2338. You can also call Rev. Laureta at (780) 904-9026. Rev. Laureta or the prayer leader will include their names during the Prayers of the People at worship. Names will stay on the prayer list for a total of three weeks unless a longer period is specifically requested.

**Shut-In Senior's Visits:** Do you know a local senior shut in who would like a visit by the Rev. Laureta Blondin? Rev. Laureta will be pleased to visit home-bound seniors and take them communion if they would like to receive it. Please call Irene Sabados in the church office (780) 632-2338 to arrange and advise if there are any special needs! Please email Irene Sabados in the Church office, [vegucc@telusplanet.net](mailto:vegucc@telusplanet.net) or give her a call (780) 632-2338 for questions, bulletin submissions or to add a name to the prayers for the sick and deceased.

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