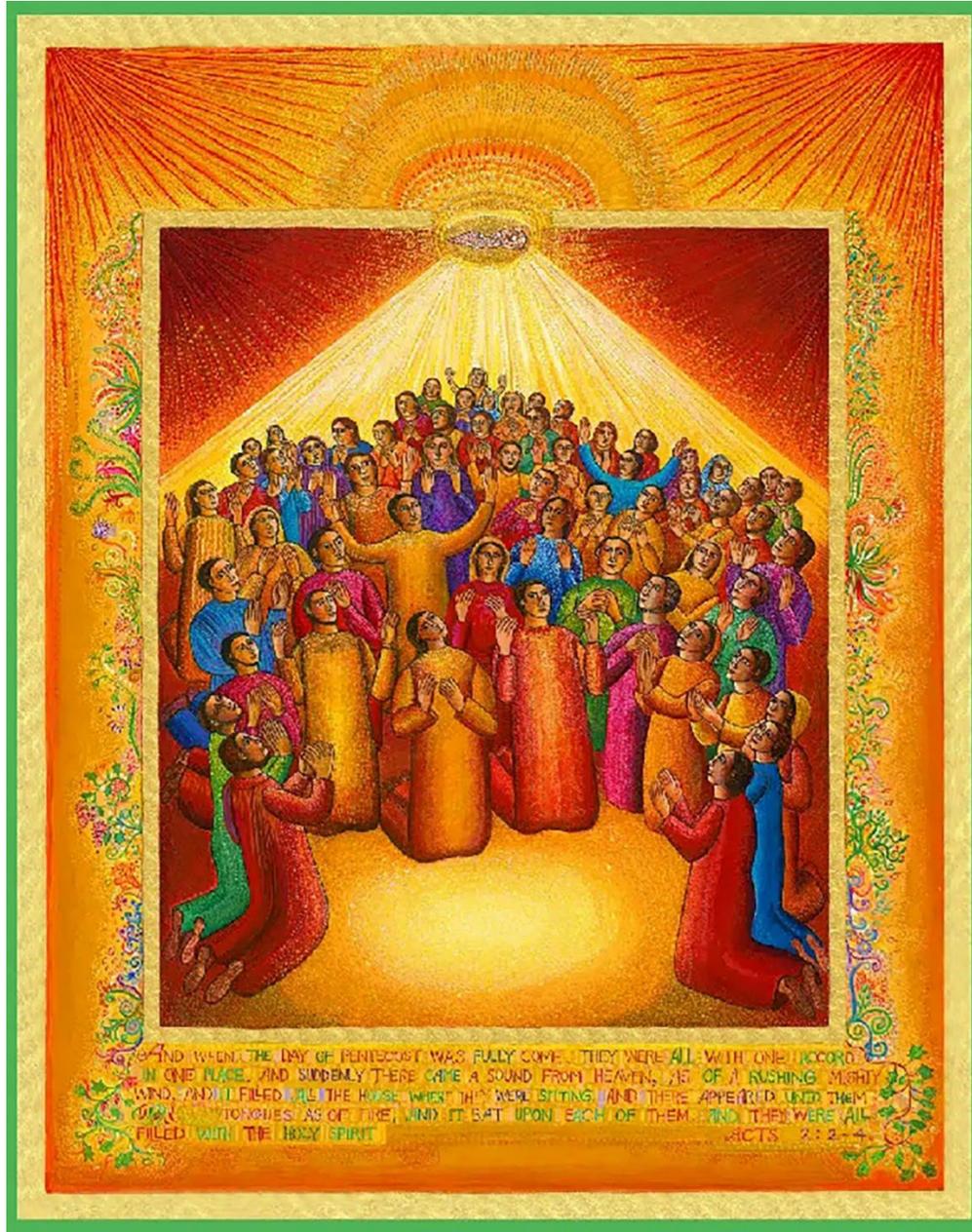


Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

May 19, 2024 – Pentecost



AND WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST WAS FULLY COME, THEY WERE ALL WITH ONE ACCORD
IN ONE PLACE, AND SUDDENLY THERE CAME A SOUND FROM HEAVEN, AS OF A RUSHING MIGHTY
WIND, AND IT FILLED THE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING, AND THERE APPEARED UNTO THEM
DIVerse TONGUES AS OF FIRE, AND IT SAT UPON EACH OF THEM, AND THEY WERE ALL
FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. ACTS 2:1-4

Empowered

Centering Words (Acts 2)

In rushing wind and tongues of fire, the Church is born through the power of the Holy Spirit.



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Sunday – May 19, 2024

Prelude

Music for Meditation

Sandy Gunn

Responsive Call to Worship

ONE: In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . .

MANY: the Church is born.

ONE: In courage found and faith renewed . . .

MANY: the Church gains strength.

ONE: In visions seen and dreams made real . . .

MANY: the Church blesses the world.

ONE: In hopes rekindled and fears released . . .

MANY: the Church leads the way.

ONE: In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . .

MANY: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Opening Prayer (*Acts 2*)

**God of wind and flame,
ignite a fire in our hearts
and fill us with your courage and power.**

**On this day of Pentecost,
may our young people see visions
and our elders dream dreams.**

**Blow open the doors of our shut up hearts
and send us into the world
to spread the good news of your saving love.**

Amen.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one desire:
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1886; alt.

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3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Between parish assignments in London, Edwin Hatch taught classics at Trinity College, Quebec, and lectured at Oxford. This hymn appeared in a leaflet, "Between Doubt and Prayer" (1878). Other hymns were published posthumously in Towards

Tune: TRENTHAM S.M.
Robert Jackson, 1894

Passing the Peace

Announcements/Special Events:

Wednesday – Spiritual Studies 7pm;

Sun May 19 – 3pm Ontario Youth Symphony Concert;

Saturday June 1 - 4pm – Southland Wind Ensemble Season Finale

Saturday June 8- 4pm – Southland Jazz Orchestra Concert

Saturday June 15- 3-7pm – Ontario Pride Resources Fair (volunteers?)

Children's Time

*Gloria

Glory to the Creator

The Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end, Amen, Amen.

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Glory to the Creator

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The guitar line features various chords and chord progressions indicated above the staff. The vocal line includes lyrics and rests.

System 1 (Measures 1-4):
Chords: C, G/D, C, G/B, G, C, G/B, Am/C
Lyrics: Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, the Christ the Ho - ly Spi - rit

System 2 (Measures 5-8):
Chords: G/D, D⁷, G, C, G⁷, G⁷
Lyrics: three in one; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

System 3 (Measures 9-12):
Chords: C, G, G/F, C/E, C/G, G⁷, C
Lyrics: shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures Ezekiel 37:1-14 Dalton Thomas

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Prayer of Yearning (*Unison*) (*Acts 2, Psalm 104, Romans 8*)

Creator God, the earth is full of your creatures.

**When you send forth your spirit,
they are created.**

**When you take away their breath,
they return to the earth.**

**Open your hand and fill us with good things, Holy One,
that we may sing and rejoice in your presence.**

**Save us from our weakness and intercede on our behalf,
that we may proclaim the glory of your world
and help others claim your many blessings. Amen.**

Words Assurance and Grace (*Pastor*) (*Psalm 104, Romans 8*)

God searches the heart
and the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

Rejoice, sisters and brothers in Christ,
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

Offering

Invitation to Generosity (Pastor) (Psalm 104)

When the Spirit extends a hand, we are filled with good things. When our breath is taken away, we return to the earth. In the time we have, let us share God's bounty to the glory of our maker and for the blessing of our world.

Please remember to send your offerings in so that we can continue our ministries.

(If you want a portion of your offering to be designated as something specific, just write that in the message area.) If you forget to write a note with the offering – just email us (info@BethelUCCOntario.org) or message us through Facebook.

Giving Options: In person – *We are not yet “passing the plate”. You may leave your offering in one of the offering plates (front of the sanctuary, or usher’s table in the rear).*

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Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (Acts 2, Romans 8)

**Merciful God, the blessings of Pentecost
continue to birth hope for the future
and offer blessings for those in need.**

**May today's offering bring love and light
to those who have yet to touch the holy wind
and sacred fire of your Spirit. Amen.**

***Singing into Mission** Pass It On

It only takes a spark
To get a fire going
And soon all those around
Can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on

What a wondrous time is spring
When all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing
The flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like spring
You want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on

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Pass It On

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1. It _____ on - ly takes a spark to get a fi - re
2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are
3. I _____ wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that

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G

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Em

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go - ing, _____ and soon all those a - round can warm up to its
bud - ding. _____ The birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their
I've _____ found. _____ You can de - pend on Him, it mat - ters not where

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C/E



glow - ing; _____ That's how it is with God's _____ love,
bloom - ing. _____ That's how it is with God's _____ love,
you're _____ bound; _____ I'll shout it from the moun - tain - top,

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Dm⁷

G⁷

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Dm⁷



once you've ex - per - i - enced it: _____ You spread His love to
once you've ex - per - i - enced it: _____ You want to sing, it's
I want my world _____ to know: _____ The Lord of love has

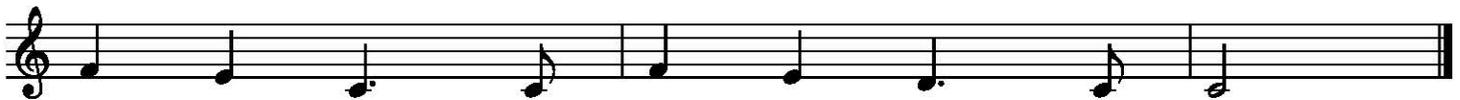
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C/E

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G⁷

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ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on.
fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
come to me, I want to pass it on.

Benediction (Responsive) (Acts 2, John 15)

ONE: In rushing wind and cleansing fire,
go forth in the power of the living God.

MANY: We go as children of God.

ONE: In courage found and strength renewed,
go forth in the power of the eternal Christ.

MANY: We go as heirs with Christ.

ONE: In visions born and dreams restored,
go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: We go as new creations in the Spirit.

Postlude Carillon



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God sends us to serve, but God does not send us alone.

The Spirit is with us in the world, guiding our steps and protecting our paths. Christ yearns for us to be one in ministry and service, and one in community and faith—a unity that we discover through the Spirit's miraculous power in our lives. Sent to serve, we are sent not only with the power of the Spirit, but also with the power of unity with one another.

Embracing this unity with both the Holy Spirit and one another opens a path to the "complete joy" that Christ prays we may one day know.