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“Caught in the Wind”

Pentecost Sunday ... A Gentle Celebration of the Holy Spirit

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, receive these gifts and receive our lives as well.
Use them to bring hope, healing, and compassion to others.
May Your Spirit continue to move through this church
in quiet but powerful ways. Amen.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, like a gentle breeze among us.

People: Move through our hearts and our lives.

Leader: Come like the wind through trees on a summer day.

People: Remind us we are never alone.

Leader: When we feel weary or uncertain...

People: Breathe new life into us.

Leader: When the world feels divided or anxious...

People: Fill us with peace and compassion.

Leader: We may not see the wind...

People: But we see what it moves.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

OPENING HYMN: #382 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. R

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. R

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!' R

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, On this Pentecost Sunday, we thank You for the gift of Your Spirit. Not always loud. Not always dramatic. But present. Present in kindness. Present in courage. Present in comfort. Present in hope. Like the wind, Your Spirit moves through places we cannot always see. Move among us today. Calm our worries. Lift our hearts. Open our spirits. Help us become people who carry gentleness into harsh places, hope into discouraged places, and love into hurting places. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN'S VIDEO

PENTECOST LITANY: “Caught in the Wind”

Leader: We gather today, longing for the presence of God.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, move among us.

Leader: Like the wind through the trees...

People: Stir our hearts with hope.

Leader: Like a gentle breeze on a weary day...

People: Refresh our spirits with peace.

Leader: We cannot see the wind...

People: But we see what it moves.

Leader: We cannot see the Spirit...

People: But we see lives changed by love.

Leader: In acts of kindness...

People: The Spirit is moving.

Leader: In moments of courage...

People: The Spirit is moving.

Leader: In forgiveness freely given...

People: The Spirit is moving.

Leader: In comfort shared during grief...

People: The Spirit is moving.

Leader: In laughter returning after sorrow...

People: The Spirit is moving.

Leader: In communities coming together...

People: The Spirit is moving.

Leader: When our faith feels weak or tired...

People: Breathe new life into us, O God.

Leader: When fear tries to overwhelm us...

People: Remind us we are never alone.

Leader: Like leaves dancing in the wind...

People: May our lives be moved by Your Spirit.

Leader: Like pinwheels spinning with joy...

People: May our hearts respond to Your presence.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit...not only in fire and rushing wind,
but in quiet moments too.

People: Move gently through our lives this day.

All: We may not see the wind, but we know when it has touched us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

RESPONSIVE HYMN: #377 Holy Spirit, Hear Us

1 Holy Spirit, hear us, help us while we sing;
breathe into the music of the praise we bring.

2 Holy Spirit, shine now on the book we read;
light its holy pages with the truth we need.

3 Holy Spirit, prompt us when we bow to pray;
speak within and teach us what we ought to say.

4 Holy Spirit, help us daily by your might,
what is wrong to conquer, and to choose the right.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**John 3:8**

Jesus said: “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

Acts 2:1-21**The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost**

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” **13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ““In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’^[c]

MESSAGE “Caught in the Wind”

There are some things in life we cannot see...but we know they are there. We cannot see the wind. And yet, we watch trees bend, leaves dance, flags wave, and pinwheels spin. We see the evidence of something moving.

The Holy Spirit is often like that. Sometimes we expect Pentecost to be dramatic, like a loud rushing wind, tongues of fire, crowds gathering. And yes... that happened. But the Spirit also moves quietly. Like a breeze through an open window. Like courage that suddenly appears when someone thought they had none left.

Like forgiveness that softens a hardened heart. Like hope arriving after a long season of grief. Like kindness offered exactly when someone needs it most. The truth is, we have probably all witnessed Pentecost moments without even realizing it.

Maybe it was:

- a phone call at the right time
- someone sitting beside us in a difficult season of life
- a stranger helping someone without being asked
- laughter returning after sorrow
- strength appearing after exhaustion

That is the Spirit moving. Not always loudly. Not always dramatically. But faithfully. And perhaps one of the greatest gifts of Pentecost is remembering this: God is still moving. Still breathing life into tired hearts. Still stirring compassion. Still bringing people together. Still creating hope. The wind still blows.

And maybe our calling today is not to chase after dramatic signs, but simply to notice where the Spirit is already moving among us. In ordinary people. In ordinary moments. In this church. In this community. In us. We may not see the wind... but we know when it has touched us. Amen.

HYMN: #375 Spirit of Gentleness

REFRAIN:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro’ the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains, from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **R**

2. You swept thro’ the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro’ your prophets to open their eyes. **R**

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **R**

4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. **R**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, Wind of Life, Move gently among us today.
When we are anxious, bring peace. When we are tired, bring strength.
When we are grieving, bring comfort. When we feel uncertain, bring
hope. We pray for those carrying heavy burdens today...
for those who are lonely, hurting, sick, discouraged, or afraid.
May they feel the gentle movement of Your Spirit around them.
We pray for our churches, our communities, our families,
and our world. Where there is division, bring understanding.
Where there is anger, bring compassion. Where there is despair,
bring new life. And help us become people through whom Your Spirit
moves, bringing kindness, encouragement, patience, and love.
Like leaves caught in the wind, carry us where You need us to go.
We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to
pray together saying...

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: #378 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies,
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3 Hast you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart and strength and mind?
I see your cross: there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you and O let me find!

4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame,
the baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
my heart an altar and your love the flame.

SENDING FORTH

Go now into the world, and pay attention to the wind.
Notice the kindness that changes someone’s day.
Notice the courage that rises in difficult moments.
Notice the hope that quietly returns.
For the Spirit of God is still moving.
And may the grace of Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
go with you now and always.

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Tuesday, May 26th: Coffee Tuesday at Springvale beginning at 9:30am.
All are welcome!

Friday, May 29th: Movie Night at Hagersville United featuring “A
Turtles Tale”. Arrive at 6pm, with movie beginning at 6:30pm. Snacks
and drinks will be provided. Bring your pillows & blankets to cozy in
for a fun evening.

Thursday, June 4th: Springvale UCW invite you to their June meeting
at Springvale United Church at 7pm. Guest speaker Andy Gibb, the
public education coordinator for dementia, will be speaking on
conditions that present like dementia and dementia. Refreshments to
follow. RSVP to Cathy by May 29th at 289-921-1794.

Wednesday, June 10th: Unified Board meeting at Springvale at 12pm.
Official Board at Springvale at 1:30pm. Church council meeting at
Hagersville at 6:30pm.

Sunday, June 28th: Join us at the Waterford Legion Pavilion at 2pm to celebrate the life of Debbie Kozicki. There will be a memorial service followed by a gathering with refreshments.

BROADVIEW

It is time to renew or subscribe to Broadview for 2026-2027. Cost is \$30.00. Pick up a sample copy of Broadview magazine. Envelopes available at the back of the church; place on the offering plate or e-transfer at barbzdunich@gmail.com

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