



# *Pentecost*

## **Sunday Worship**

**Westminster Church**

The United Church of Canada

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

*celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community*

**Pentecost Sunday**

Words printed in **bold type** are to be spoken by the congregation.

**Organ Prelude**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Welcome and News**

**Introit** VU 315      Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty Vs 1  
**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;**  
**holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

### **Call to Worship\***

Come, Holy, Spirit, come,

**Move in and through us.**

Come as whispers of hope around the corner of despair;  
shouts of joy at a graduation:

**You are around us in every place.**

The sweet breath of a baby,  
the remembrances of the elderly:

**You speak to us through every person.**

Soft breezes on a summer's day;  
bitter winds through frozen trees:

**You are with us in every season.**

The gentle lullabies of a parent;  
the birds twittering us awake:

**You sing to us glad songs.**

The sudden rush of newness  
throwing open our sheltered fears;  
the gale of justice breaking down  
the walls of oppression:

**You sweep us up in your commitment  
to transform all lives, all places.**

In every breath, in every song,  
in every moment, in every tongue:

**You come and dance around us; you enliven and transform us!**

**Prayer of Confession\***

Gracious God, your Spirit moves over the waters, but so often we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation. You would breathe life into us in every moment, but sometimes we turn our backs and hold our breath instead. You would give us the words to bring hope to the despairing, to offer healing to the broken, and to share hope in the places of anger and violence, but there are moments when we turn them into accusations towards those around us.

**Gracious One, forgive us for those times. May your Spirit sing in our hearts, so we may invite others to dance with us in joy. May your Spirit be the still, small voice which silences the shouts of fear and worry all around us. May your Spirit breathe strength, peace and hope into our living.....**

*Moment of silence for personal confession.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Words of Assurance\***

In every breath we take, **there is the Spirit;**  
in every word we speak, **there is the Spirit;**  
in every heart we touch, **there is the Spirit;**  
in every person we welcome, **there is the Spirit.**

In forgiveness and love, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. **Thanks be to God, Amen.**

## **The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Scripture Reading**      Bob Gold

**Acts 2: 1-21**

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn MV 135**      Called by Earth and Sky

## **Message**

**Solo**      I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies      by Felix Mendelssohn  
given by Rebecca McIntosh

**Minute for Mission**      Embracing the Spirit      given by John Grivell

## **Collection of Offerings and Offertory**

*After the offering is introduced, an offertory will be played by the organist and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given today or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.*

**Offering Doxology**      MV 42 Praise God for This Holy Ground Vs 1

**Praise God for this holy ground,  
place and people, sight and sound.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God's goodness is eternal.**

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## **Prayer of Dedication**

### **The New Creed (VU 918)**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**      *spoken*

**Our Father/Mother, 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Hymn VU 207**      Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth

## **Commissioning and Sending Forth**

Let us take on this week's life  
with renewed hope and imagination...  
committing our living to the work of building God's kingdom.  
Witnessing to the love of God in word and deed  
Seeing the face of Christ in all whom we meet  
Striving to be all God has called us each to be.

And may the holy mystery of God be found along the road.  
The wonder of the costly love of Jesus embrace us all.  
And the Spirit bless and keep you, this day and always.  
**Amen.**

## Choral Response MV 214 May God's Sheltering Wings Vs 1

**May God's sheltering wings,  
her gathering wings protect you.**

**May God's nurturing arms,  
her cradling arms sustain you,  
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.**

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## Organ Postlude

*If departing before the end of the postlude, please do so quietly for the benefit of those remaining to enjoy the music.*

*\*all from Thom Shuman <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca> Pentecost 2018 (adapted)*

## Lectionary Readings

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### May 27 – Trinity Sunday

#### **Isaiah 6:1–8**

The call of Isaiah.

#### **Psalms 29** (VU p. 756)

God's voice is over the waters.

#### **Romans 8:12–17**

Adopted by the Spirit as children of God.

#### **John 3:1–17**

Nicodemus visits Jesus by night.

**To Ponder** - What does it mean to be called by God? Which comes first, answering God's call, or having what we need for the call?

### June 3 – Second after Pentecost

*Proper 4*

#### **1 Samuel 3:1–10, (11–20)**

God calls to the boy Samuel.

#### **Psalms 139:1–6, 13–18** (VU pp. 861–862)

You have searched me and known me.

#### **2 Corinthians 4:5–12**

A treasure in clay jars.

#### **Mark 2:23–3:6**

Gathering and healing on the Sabbath.

**To Ponder** - Okay! So, now that you have received the call of God, what will be your response?