



PENTECOST

Already But Not Yet

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

APPROACHED TO GOD

Before the service, meditate and speak to God. During the service let God speak to you. After the service talk to each other and the wider community about God.

KEYS

Words printed in ALL caps & bold are spoken or sung by everyone. At places marked ☩, you are invited to stand, as you are able.

Functionaries

On Piano

- Lindsay Lundquist

Singers

- Penny Kirk
- Leona Harrison

Prayers

- Joan Glanfield
- Allison Glanfield

Scripture Reading

- Louise Burton

Minutes for Mission

- Louise Burton



Order of Worship

WELCOME & NOTICES

CENTERING HYMN: Spirit of life VU # 381

CANDLE CEREMONY



We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in us and in the world, working in our weakness until we are aflame with God's love and justice. {Flj}

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to our God a new song!

People: Let every generation sing praise to God!

One: Let our voices give praise beyond words and ages and cultures!

**People: May our words and deeds blend in harmony,
giving voice to the spirit who moves among us!**

One: Come then, let us worship

HYMN: Come, O Holy Spirit MV #23

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,

You come to us in fire, rather than in ashes;

In water, rather than dust;

In the breath of life that drives out the stillness of death.

Our breathing is life, our breathing is you.

Silence - focus on breathing.

Cleanse us from all that clogs up our systems and weighs us down. Turn our hearts to reach for you.

Stretch arms upward and encourage all to do likewise.

Refine us, until we shed fears and worries that keep us from reflecting your light and love throughout our communities and the world.

Arms wide as though for a hug. Encourage all to do likewise.

Purge us from languages of excuse and justification, that our lives might preach your gospel to all the world. Help us, we pray, to leave behind the shadows that threaten to overcome us, so that we may live fully in the resurrection life to which the Spirit calls us.

Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One, we confess that we struggle to understand one another.

People: open us to the presence of your SPIRIT.

One: We confess we have a hard time hearing experiences that don't match ours.

People: open us to the presence of your SPIRIT.

One: We confess that we are confined by our words.

People: open us to the presence of your SPIRIT.

One: We confess that we try to confine your spirit within our words, our experiences.

People: open us to the presence of your SPIRIT.

One: Holy One, open us to the uncontainable, wild presence of your spirit. Teach us to see you, to hear you, to feel you beyond our human experiences and understanding.

People: open us to the presence of your SPIRIT.

Time for silent contemplation _____

ASSURANCE

One: The spirit moves alongside us, creating us anew in each breath.
As many times as we fear,
as many times as we try to keep God in a box of our human experience,
The SPIRIT remains with us, breaking us open.
As many times as we fall short of living God's dream for us, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thank be to God! Amen

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- Special Selection: Spirit Dancing on the water VU #388

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Psalm 104 or VU #827 Part 2
- Acts 2:1-21

HYMN: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU #375[†]

THE REFLECTION

RESPONSE HYMN: God of the Bible MV #28[†]

MINUTE FOR MISSION

WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

- **Music: Our Generation: The Mission & Service Music Video**
- **Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God,

*On this day of Pentecost, may we dedicate ourselves anew to your service. May we ever praise you with our words and with our actions. May all that we are and all that we do show forth the abiding presence of your spirit in this world that you so love. **Amen***

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

God of wind and flame,
blow into our lives. Ignite the fire of hope, fan the flames of possibility.
Transform us into a people who share your love with a world in pain,
a people who proclaim your hope into a world given to despair,
a people who live as though the world can be changed into the kingdom that is to come.
This we ask as we pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples then, and us now.
Our Father.....

HYMN: Spirit of God be our breath MV #150[†]

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

One: As we go from this place, let us move with the SPIRIT! Let us breathe with the SPIRIT!
Let us sing forth the SPIRIT! Let us live by the SPIRIT! Go forth in the blessing our God to love
and serve wherever the SPIRIT moves! **Amen**

PASSING THE PEACE

Doxology: Dance with the Spirit MV #156[†]

THANK YOU & CREDITS

Thank you for participated in today's worship, I pray you have been greatly blessed.

Remember, for those we are unable to connect with any reason; call to buoy up their spirits, and/or pray for them and entrust them to the care of the divine.

Due to physical distancing caused by the Corona Virus, COVID 19, all church activities that require physical contact are suspended until further notice.

Those of you who are on PAR and those who mailed in the gifts and offerings thank you. You can also e-transfer your gift and offerings to zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com

We are always happy to hear your comments and queries. If you have a prayer request you may use the messenger tab here or email them to standrewsenderby@hotmail.com

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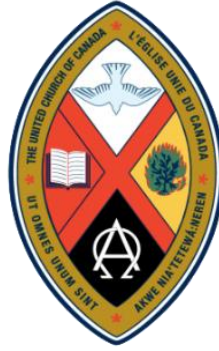
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