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Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10:30 am (NEW TIME)

Pentecost Sunday

Music as We Gather

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land:

As we gather, we acknowledge that we meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People. We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation. May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours.

Music as We Centre

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Engaging the Holy Spirit

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU264

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;

we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee! < >

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: Let us sense the call of the Holy from the wind and flame
of Pentecost.

**All: Let us live the call of the Holy us we are stirred into
action by the wind and flame of Pentecost.**

One: Let us worship!

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The promise of a Pentecost driven faith inspires us to live
and love together in this complex world in which we find
ourselves.

**All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we
can be a transformative presence in Creation.**

First Lesson Part 1: Acts 2:1-13

Arlene Petranj

^{2:1} When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

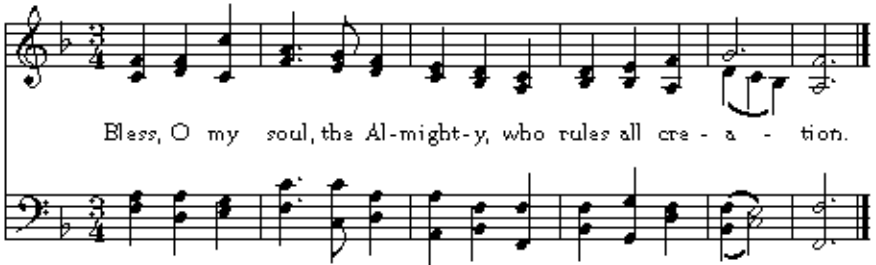
⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging

to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

Psalm Selection: VU826 (Part 2, Refrain 1) from Psalm 104
Led by Arlene Petranj

Refrain 1

Stralsund Gesangbuch 1665



Part Two (24-35)

- One O God, how manifold are your works!
**All With Wisdom at your side you made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures. R**
- One There lies the great and mighty Sea,
 teeming with living things both great and small.
**All Upon it sail the ships, and there is Leviathan,
 the monster you made to play in it.**
- One All these look to you, to give them their food in due season.
**All What you give them they gather up.
 When you open your hand,
 you fill them with good things.**
- One But when you hide your face they despair.
 When you take away their breath, they die, and return to dust.
**All But when you send out your spirit, they live again,
 and you renew the face of the earth. R**
- One May your glory, O God, endure forever.
All May you rejoice, O God, in your works.
- One When you look at the earth it trembles,
All when you touch the mountains they smoke.
- One I will sing to God as long as I live.
All I will praise my God while I have being. R

Please remain seated

Hymn: VU582

“There’s a Spirit in the Air”

- 1 There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.'
- 2 Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!
- 3 When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.
- 4 Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!
- 5 When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world
- 6 May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay,
live tomorrow's life today.
- 7 There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world. < >

Young at Heart Time:

“A Windy Day”

First Lesson Part 2: Acts 2:14-21

Arlene Petranj

^{2:14} But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let

this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "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 people shall see visions,
and your elders shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

All: may we hear the stories from our faith history that inspire us to embrace the promise and new life shared with us as we live and love together in a Pentecost inspired faith.

Reader: In the name of the Jesus, the Christ...

All: Amen.

Meditation:

"Dreams and Visions"

Music for Meditation

Please stand for the New Creed

The New Creed

VU918

One: Let us join together in a statement of our communal faith...

**All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and
others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Please be seated

Hymn: VU382

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

- 1 Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

- 2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.

- 3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

- 4 Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity. < >

We Receive the Offering

Please stand for the Offering Hymn

Doxology: VU541

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One < >

Dedication of Our Gifts

A Minute for Mission:

*“Your Generosity is Refreshing”
Arlene Petranay*

Being able to take a shower can have a positive impact on a person’s mental and emotional health. It provides a sense of dignity, self-worth, and normalcy that contributes to overall well-being, especially to people living on the streets.

In downtown St. Catharines, ON, Silver Spire United Church’s shower and laundry program is changing lives. Three mornings a week, people are offered an opportunity to refresh and recharge. The two shower rooms can be locked and each have a changing area, so patrons have space to secure their personal belongings. The laundry room next door means that after they shower people can dress in their own clean clothing. Cellphone chargers are another small but helpful detail.

This program goes beyond being a practical service. It embodies compassion, addresses fundamental needs, and provides comfort in a welcoming space. In the sweltering heat of summer, a cool shower can make a huge difference.

Your support through Mission and Service helps programs like Silver Spire’s to support people’s well-being. Thank you.

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer: (VU916, paraphrase)

**All Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU378 “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 Have 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. < >

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place experiencing the wind and flame
of the Spirit of Pentecost.

All: We go in celebration.

One: Let us go from this place living within the Spirit of
Pentecost.

All: We go in love.

One: Let us go from this place sharing the Spirit of Pentecost.

All: We go in hope and peace.

One: Let us go in peace.

All: Peace be with us! Amen!

Music as the Worship Service Concludes

Regional Council Prayer Cycle

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world for the week of May 19, 2024

**Cobourg: Trinity Pastoral Charge
Trinity United Church**

[*East Central Ontario Regional Council*]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for May 19th

Duty	Paul Andrews
Elevator	Carol Murduff
Greeters	Marg & Al Renwick Ken Nash, John Taylor
Scripture Reader	Arlene Petrary
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/Al Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Jim Boothby
Coffee Fellowship	Pastoral Care
Coffee Fellowship (June)	Christian Education

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD BANK SUNDAY- is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We invite you to bring items to support Kawartha Food Share. Boxes are located in Upper Wright Hall and back foyer [*exit to parking lot*]. If you wish to make a cash donation instead, we ask that you place money in a separate envelope clearly marked as "*Donation to Kawartha Food Share*" also include your name or envelope number. ***Please make cheques payable to: "Northminster United Church"***. This can be placed on the offering plate. **Next date: June 9th**. We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: treasurernuc@gmail.com

OUR NURSERY FOR OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN is along the main corridor across from the kitchen.

OFFERING ENVELOPES ... please contact Michele in the office to let her know you require offering envelopes. Email: info@northminsteruc.ca or Tel. # 705-748-4881.

NAME TAGS: If you need a name tag, please contact the office. I would be happy to make you one. Also stick on name tags are available, located on the table at the back of the church and on table at west entrance into Sanctuary.

TUESDAY COFFEE HOUR has begun and will continue to June 25th. Each Tuesday 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH "MUFFIN PARTY"

Tickets are available Sundays following the Worship service or during the week at the church office.

Saturday, May 25, 2024
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Admission \$5.00

Come out and enjoy muffins and fellowship...

**NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH
GEORGIAN BAY CRUISE**

June 27, 2024

Be sure to get the details ...

Ask a greeter for a copy of the information sheet

Can also be found on the website.

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