



**St. Paul's United Church,
Sunday, May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday**

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Readers: Neal Foot, Fran Hill

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Gabriella & Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox

WELCOME/CALL TO THE GATHERED /ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: VU#376 "Spirit of the Living God"

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love. humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

OPENING PRAYER read by Fran Hill

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: VU #375 refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow thro' the wilderness calling & free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir us from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

THEME CONVERSATION:

The Spirit in Me greets the Spirit in You, Hallelujah
God's in us, and we're in God, Hallelujah!

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER: VU#959

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)



THE STORY OF PENTECOST

SPIRIT/BREATH/WIND OF GOD

Genesis 1:1-5 read by Neal Foot
Reflection

VU#625 "I feel the Winds of God Today"

1. I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest and brave another cruise.
2. It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears, until with braver thoughts shall rise the
purer, brighter years; if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be, O let me feel
your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.

3. If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown, lift high the blood-red flag above, it bears your name alone. Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift. I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift.

THE SPIRIT AS DOVE

Mark 1:9-11 read by Neal Foot

Reflection

VU#380 "She Comes Sailing on the Wind "

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out
through the night,
full of laughter, full of light,
she flies on.



SPIRIT & FIRE

Acts 2:1-4; 14-21 read by Neal Foot

Reflection

VU#385 "Spirit Divine Attend Our Prayers"

1. Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home; descend with all your gracious powers: O come, great Spirit, come!
2. Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame; let our whole life an offering be to our Redeemer's name.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "A Kyrie for Our Time"

SUNG RESPONSE: MV# 150 "Loving God" v. 3

Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer. Reaching out, joining hands as we share, we seek your guidance through friendship and care. Loving God, be our prayer.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE read by Fran Hill

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION:

MV#156 "Dance with the Spirit" 2x

Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day,
work and hope for the new life ab-born-in,
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

POSTLUDE