

Kincardine United Church

Pentecost Sunday and Communion

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PRELUDE I Need Thee Every Hour arr. David Hamilton

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God. As we came to this land, First Nations peoples welcomed us, sustained us and taught us.

We did not hear them when they shared their vision. In our zeal to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ, we were closed to the value of their spirituality.

We confused Western ways and culture with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.

We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred, and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

In our journey toward reconciliation, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway, as well as the other indigenous peoples who preceded them – the original nations of this land – and we acknowledge, with respect, their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS read by Cat Laliberte

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all
And also with you

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Take Time to Be Holy arr. David Hamilton

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP Richard Bott, Gathering Pentecost 1, 2022 pg 32

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit brought together the church.

One hundred years ago, the Holy Spirit brought together the United Church of Canada.

Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, and Union churches,
and later the Evangelical United Brethren.

And, before and after, other congregations of like-minded disciples of Jesus Christ.

So we come together.

God's people.

Christ's people.

People of the beloved community of Christ!

People of Kincardine United.

To sing and to serve.

To live and to love.

To pray and to play.

To seek justice and live into reconciliation.

Alleluia, amen!

OPENING PRAYER Catherine Tovell, Gathering Pentecost 1, 2022 pg 32

***HYMN** VU #296 This is God's Wondrous World

SHARING TIME Where is the Holy Spirit?

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-21 read by Cat Laliberte

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 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 people 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."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews^[a] 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 men shall see visions,
and your old men 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.'

DOXOLOGY VU #236 Now Thank We All Our God (Verse 3)
**All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
the Son and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now and shall be evermore.**

REFLECTION Happy Birthday

HYMN VU #625 I Feel the Winds of God

PENTECOST COMMUNION

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the Lord of Pentecost be with you!

And also with you.

People of Pentecost, lift your hearts to the Spirit moving in your midst.

We open our hearts to the Breath of God who fills us with hope and grace.

Daughters and sons of the Holy One, lift your joy to our God.

**We sing the song of Pentecost in the language of every heart –
praise and thanksgiving to our God on every tongue!**

In the shadows of chaos you breathed, Creator God, your Spirit moving over the waters of life. You opened your hands, filling all creation with goodness and beauty. You gathered up earth's dust, shaping us in your image, filling our lungs with Spirit's life. But drunk on the new wine of human arrogance and desire, we listened to the competing voices of evil, sin and

death, believing they alone spoke the truth. With sighs too deep for words, you continued to call us home, speaking through teachers and prophets. When we hid our faces, you looked upon us in compassion, sending Jesus Christ to restore us to life. And so, with your people here on earth, with the great company of heaven, in every language, and in every heart, we glorify your name, praising you:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of wondrous works.

All creation is full of your love and grace.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who sends the Advocate to us.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, God of beginnings and endings, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord. At his baptism, Spirit named him your Beloved; in the wilderness, Spirit strengthened him to withstand the seductive words of the Evil One; Spirit-anointed for ministry, Jesus sang good news to the poor, set free those imprisoned in despair, gave sight to the blind, fed the hungry, blessed the little children, and ate with sinners. When his service of tender mercies was finished, he went to the Cross, suffering and dying for all humanity, and was raised to new life, as a promise to all your children.

As we come to this Table, we remember his promise to always be with us. Baptized by the Holy Spirit, and purified in the fire of obedience, we sing of that faith which is ours:

Christ died, crying "Abba! Father!"

Christ is risen, giving us peace.

Christ will return, glorifying God.

As Christ promised, you have poured out your Holy Spirit upon your daughters and sons, and upon the gifts of this blessed Table. As we offer our thanks to you for the gift of the Spirit in our lives and in the world, may the flames of Pentecost kindle compassion in our hearts; may the tongues of fire ignite our calls for justice for all people; may the good news which is shared in every place and in every tongue unite us in service to others, and to lives of faith in you. Then, when the groaning of creation turns into glad songs of praise, and all people gather around your Table on that great and glorious Day, we will sing our joy to you through all eternity, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Remembering Jesus at the Table

Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

he shared food with followers and friends,

with saints and sinners,

with crowds of thousands on the hillside,

and a few friends in an upper room.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions.

He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

"Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

Prayer of Transformation

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your church,

that we who eat and drink at Christ's table may share in his life.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth,

and make it your new creation.

Gather your church together from the ends of the earth into your realm where peace and justice are revealed—

that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised.

Remembering Community and the Lord's Prayer

At this time, we also remember all those

with whom you would have us share your feast.

We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain . . .

all who are ill or alone . . .

all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger . . .

all whom the world counts as last and least . . .

We pray for your church and its varied ministries . . .

for the nations as they strive for peace and justice . . .

for the earth, and the fragile web of life we share . . .

for our families and friends . . .

praying the prayer that Jesus gave us....**Our Father, 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction

The body of Christ.

Thanks be to God for the bread of life.

The blood of Christ.

Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing.

Distribution

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are now ready.

The Bread of Life. **Thanks be to God**

The Cup of Blessing. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM MV 156 Dance With the Spirit

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Gord Dunbar, Gathering Pentecost 1, 2022 pg 32
Take what we offer, O God, weaving each gift into the rainbow canopy of our becoming. Bless us with the courage and the freedom to live each unique hue of ourselves for one another, sharing our strengths,

our talents and our hearts in community, discovering your love lived in humility for right relations. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN VU #468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT MV #161 I Have Called You By Your Name (Verse 4)

**I have given you a name, it is mine,
I have given you my Spirit, as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
Go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune

Paul Fey
