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Pentecost Sunday

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Today is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Christian Church.

All: We feel the power of the Holy Spirit in this place.

One: Like a bright flame and a mighty wind, God's Spirit calls us to action.

All: We are ready for the adventure of faith!

* Hymn VU #377 – *"Holy Spirit, Hear Us"*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

God in heaven, you surprised and amazed your disciples at Pentecost. Your Spirit was an unexpected gift. It allows us to understand so much and to respond with faithfulness. Be with us in our worship so that our passion for faith can be renewed and inspired.

Wise God, you send your Spirit of courage but we respond with fear.

You send the Spirit of truth and we cling to our illusions.

You send the Spirit of healing but we can't let go of our hurts.

Shake up our hearts, as you did so long ago, so that our souls will be on fire to do your will in the world. Forgive us and use us to bring hope and peace to your Creation. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time – "The Story of Pentecost" Acts 2: 1-21

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU #376 – *"Spirit of the Living God"*

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Romans 8: 14-17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

* Hymn VU# 296 – *"This is God's Wondrous World"*

Meditation – "Pick me!"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – "May We Rise"

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response (VU #540)

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
With a spirit large and free.
That ourselves and all our living
We may offer faithfully.**

* Hymn VU #380 – *"She Flies On"*

* Benediction / Response

**Send us out in the power of your spirit, Lord,
May our lives bring Jesus to the world.
May each thought and word bring glory to your name,
Send us out in your spirit, Lord, we pray.**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director
Kelsey Shiaro, "Joyful Noise" Director Myrna Hagues, Organist
Nancy Sulkers, Liturgist Gina Grant, Custodian
Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Kyra, Isabella & Kennedy Carriere

Greeters: Carol & Bill Belsham