

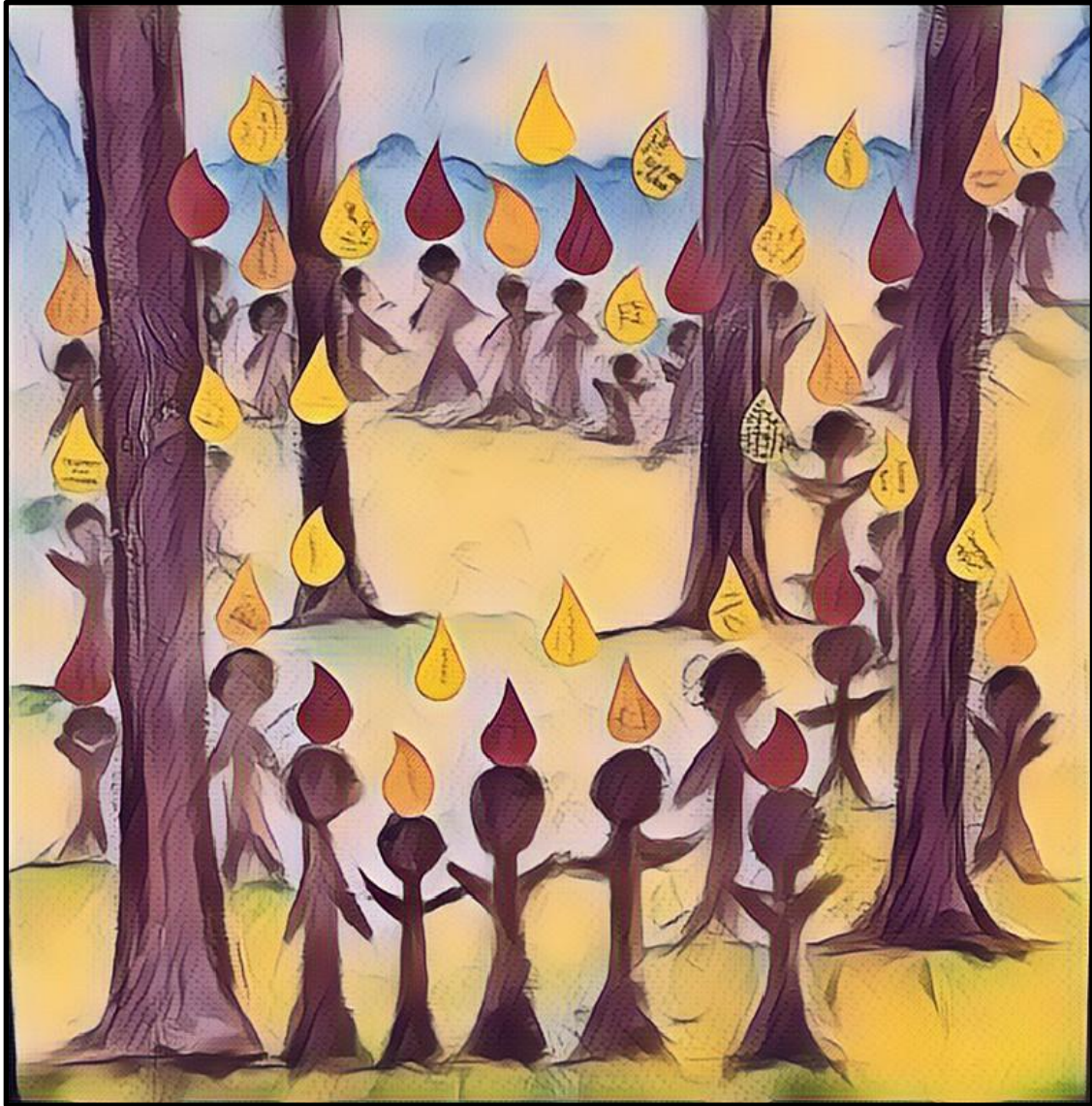


Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

At Northlea United Church,
we encourage one another as we:
Love God ~ Connect with others
Nurture the spirit ~ Serve the world

Thank you for joining us for service today whether in-person or online. If there is anything we can do to improve your experience, please let us know by calling the church office at 416 425 5252 or emailing us at office@northleaunited.ca. There are many ways to access online videos whether live streamed or pre-recorded. The Northlea United Facebook page or our website will have links to our services:

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Thank you for helping with today's service:

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May 28, 2023**

Prelude: Come Holy Spirit

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Original text replaced by DGJ with newer text by Edward Caswell (1814-1878)

Welcome All My Relations

Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship

The wind at our backs,
we entered Jerusalem.

Only to watch him die on the cross.

It spiraled so quickly.

Trial. Torture. Crucifixion. Death.

But on the third day
the breath of God blew new life into our futures.

Forty days with the risen Jesus.

Before he ascended,
Jesus reminded us that the Spirit will come.
It was on Pentecost.

**It was on Pentecost
when the wind breathed
into each and every one of us.**

May God's sacred breath
move through this room,
breathe into us
the hopes and dreams of Christ

**for a world filled with justice, love, and peace.
Amen.**

Opening Hymn: A Song for Pentecost

unknown



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, —
2. Praise to him, whose blood was shed, *hal - - le - lu - jah!*
3. Fif - ty days for our de - light,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, —
Christ, the first - fruits of the dead, *hal - - le - lu - jah!*
We have climbed to Si - nai's height,



Christ the vic - tor o - ver death,
Spi - rit born, new heav'n and earth, *hal - - le - lu - jah!*
Pa - ra - dise is our re - ward,



Breathes on us the Spi - rit's breath,
Have in glo - ry sprung to birth, *hal - - le - lu - jah!*
End - less Eas - ter with the Lord,

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

~ light the candle~

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God

The Gift of Peace

(Take a moment to turn and greet the gathered community with a smile and a bow of greeting)

Opening Prayer

**Spirit God,
blow into our lives,
move us to action,
break down the walls that separate us.
Where our language divides, offer us translation.
Where our fear overcomes, fill us with the fire of courage.**

**Where our lives are becalmed, fill our sails with wind,
moving us forward into the unknown future.
Fill us with the hope and promise of Pentecost! Amen.**

~ written by Rev. Gord Waldie and posted on Worship Offerings

~ Listening ~

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy Spirit, stir us with your word,
as we listen for inspiration in your sacred story.
Amen

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Joshua Clemenger

In this reading we hear God's voice,
The Spirit is still speaking, thanks be to God.

Video Anthem: The Day of Pentecost

William Bradley Roberts

a collaboration with the choirs of Leaside Presbyterian Church & Northlea United Church

Reflection: The Spirit Moves

~ Responding ~

Anthem: Hymn to the Holy Spirit - *(based on Veni Creator Spiritus)*

Randolph Currie

Offering our Gifts: How shall we respond?

Invitation to Communion

~ Sacrament of Holy Communion ~

(Parts of today's communion liturgy came from

https://craigmitchell.typepad.com/mountain_masala/2014/10/participatory-communion-liturgy.html)

Why have we gathered here at this table?

**We come because we have been called
to live out a story.**

What story shall we live?

The story of saving love.

Where did this story begin?

**It was whispered before time began,
it was sung in the melody of Creation.**

Whose story is this?

**This story is God's story to tell,
It hums in the rivers and the trees,
It whispers in the skies and the seas,
It calls to the people of all places,
It speaks in our hearts, in our lives.**

Why then should we speak of this story?

**This story calls our name in Creation.
This story claims our lives through the Cross.
This story shapes our future through the Spirit.
We are its telling in this time and this place.**

So, tell me the story of this night, of this table.

**The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed
took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it.**

(The minister takes and breaks the bread)

Tell me what he said and did.

***This is my body which is broken for you.
Do this and remember me.***

Tell me what he said and did.

**In the same way, he took the cup and said,
*This is a new covenant in my blood.
Drink it and remember me.***

(The minister pours and lifts the cup)

**This is our common story,
our deep memory, our true destiny.
So let it also be our story telling, our testimony.**

Let us confess the fears that challenge our faith.

Let us offer thanks for the grace that we continue to receive.

Hear the faithful storytellers of all ages whisper to us:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

What is our shared prayer in this moment?

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
So this everyday meal becomes an eternal feast
So that our eating and drinking today
unites us with Christ,
whose body and blood are given for us.
So we know that you live in us
and that we live in you,
So that we live in your world
knowing it is indeed yours.
Living God, this is our prayer.
Amen.**

Together we receive the Spirit's gift in bread and cup.
The Bread of Life
The Cup of Hope

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Holy Mystery, God of Grace, Spirit Breath,
we thank you for the gift of your love,
present in the body of Christ then and now.
May the sacredness of life that we celebrate today,
and the depth of sacrifice that you offer us in love,
inform and guide our lives toward compassion and justice,
today and every day.**

Closing Hymn: Send Down the Fire

Marty Haugen, see page 9

Sending Forth:

Go forth now by the will of God,
seeking justice in the name of Christ,
trusting in the life giving presence of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Sung Amen

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A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er, a - - men. A - - men. A - - men.

rit. poco a poco al fine

Now and for - ev - er, a - - men.

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Postlude

Music List

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Closing Hymn: Send Down the Fire

Marty Haugen

Refrain



Send down the fire of your jus - tice,___ Send down the



rains of your love;___ Come, send down the Spir - it breathe life in your



peo - ple and we shall be peo-ple of God. ___

Verses



1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion, ___
2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy, ___
3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion, ___
4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom ___



teach us the song of your love; ___
 teach us the way of your peace; ___
 teach us the fire of your truth; ___
 Give us the pres - ence of Christ; ___



Give us hearts that sing, give us deeds that ring,
 Give us hearts that feel, give us hands that heal,
 Give us right - eous souls, 'till your jus - tice rolls,
 May your ho - ly light Keep us shin - ing bright,



make us ring with the song of your love. ___
 make us walk in the way of your peace. ___
 make us burn with the fire of your truth. ___
 Ev - er shine with the pres - ence of Christ. ___

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Northlea News

All that's happening this June...

TODAY!

**Pentecost Sunday with Congregational lunch provided after service.
Be sure to stay for lunch!**

- Robert is on vacation this week. If you have any questions about the facility, please contact the office.
- Tuesday, May 30, 2023 – 11:00 am – All Staff Meeting in-person
- Sunday, June 4, 2023
 - 11:45 am – Lunch and Learn with Michele McMaster and Habitat for Humanity
 - 5:00 pm - Youth Without Shelter Dinner
- Wednesday, June 7, 2023 – 7:00 pm – Taizé in the Pines
- Saturday, June 17, 2023 – 11:00 am – Healing Forest Dedication
- Sunday, June 18, 2023 – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Linda Levin

Reading Next Week

From *The Gathering*

Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

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