



Northlea United Church
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Spirit Light Us Up!

Acts 2:1-21

Sunday, May 19, 2024

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

Northlea rests on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

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Choral Prelude: Pentecost Carol - Song of the Holy Spirit

17th Cent. Dutch Carol Arr. by Richard Proulx.

Text by George Timms, b. 1910

A mighty sound from heaven at Pentecost there came,
and filled the place of meeting with rushing wind and flame:
what Christ had promised now occurred
as each Apostle spoke the word beneath the Spirit's thunder,
and to the ears of all who heard proclaimed salvation's wonder.

In Salem's street was gathered a crowd from many-a land,
and all in their own tongues did the Gospel understand:
for by the triumph of the Son the curse of Babel was undone
when God did send the Spirit;
so to the blessed Three in One be honor praise and merit.

Then come, all Christian people, keep festival today,
for God the Holy Spirit dwells with the Church always:
and grieve him not, O Christian soul,
his grace within shall make you whole in body, mind, and spirit,
until you reach the promised goal, a kingdom to inherit.

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Are you feeling a little like you're running on empty?

Some inspiration would be nice!

Do you wonder if all the effort really matters?

We hope our mission makes a difference.

Are you open to being moved and transformed?

May the Spirit lead us to new life.

We gather with the Spirit of Pentecost

to be inspired, affirmed and renewed!

Gathering Hymn: A Song for Pentecost



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 the Christ Candle

May the Spirit of Christ be with you all.

~ Light candle ~

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Gift of Peace

(Take a moment to turn and greet one another in the peace of Christ—a smile, a bow, a wave)

Opening Prayer:

Blazing God, pour out your Spirit upon us that we may see the world through your loving eyes. Spirit of power, shape us to understand the ways in which we can serve your word in the world. Christ of courage, strengthen us to follow your calling in our lives.

❖ 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

Harshill Maram

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

Reflection: Spirit Light Us Up!

❖ Responding ❖

Anthem: Hymn to the Holy Spirit

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS, Mode VIII
Setting by Randolph Currie

Invitation to Communion

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Prayers

(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
unite 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

*Please come forward to receive . . .
if you are unable to come forward the elements will be brought to your seat.*

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Thanksgiving Prayer

**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 10

Sending Forth:

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit.
Let love guide your actions.
Listen for the Spirit of Truth.
Spread the peace of Christ and remind everyone you meet
that each one is a beloved child of God.
Amen.

Sung Amen:

Ken Canedo / Bob Hurd

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

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

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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. _____ **2**

Verses

1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion, _____ teach us the
 2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy, _____ teach us the
 3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion, _____ teach us the
 4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom _____ Give us the
 song of your love; _____ Give us hearts that sing, give us
 way of your peace; _____ Give us hearts that feel, give us
 fire of your truth; _____ Give us right - eous souls, 'till your
 pres - ence of Christ; _____ May your ho - ly light Keep us

D.C.

deeds that ring, make us ring with the song of your love. _____
 hands that heal, make us walk in the way of your peace. _____
 jus - tice rolls, make us burn with the fire of your truth. _____
 shin - ing bright, Ev - er shine with the pres - ence of Christ. _____

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What's Happening at Northlea...

TODAY: Pentecost and Anniversary Celebration after service; Victoria Day Weekend – Office closed on Monday, May 20, 2024

Sunday, May 26, 2024:

- 10:30 am - Worship with Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom
- 11:30 am - 2024 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 – 12:00 noon – Lunch and Learn with Free Geek – Technical computer information for seniors – Please register with the office by noon on Friday May 24, 2024.

Please note: The Campfire Sing-along scheduled for May 31st has been canceled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Saturday, June 1, 2024 – 10:00 am - Cook-a-Palooza in the downstairs kitchen for Youth Without Shelter – New Date!

Sunday, June 2, 2024:

- 10:30 am - Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman
- 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter dinner - New Date!

Friday, June 7, 2024 – 2:00 - 4:00 pm - UCWN High Tea & Tour of the Legislature – all will gather at the church at 1:00 pm to travel downtown together.

Ongoing:

Sundays – 10:30 am Worship – until July 14

Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm Art Circle until May 30; returning September 19;
- 7:30 pm Northlea Choir Practice final practice May 16; returning September 5

Fridays – 2:30 pm Bible Study on Zoom until July 5; returning September 6



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