

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn 625 (VU):

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.

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.

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.

Sending Forth and Blessing

The Spirit comes, and life will never be the same again.

Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and lead us on!

Send us forth, excited and enthused, joyful and jubilant,
to share your love now and always.

And as we go, may the blessing of God: Creator, Christ
and Spirit be upon you, today and always.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Pembina Parish

Zion-Calvin & St. Paul's



Pentecost

Sunday May 31st, 2020

Welcome and Sharing

Call to Worship

This is the day of Pentecost,
when the flame of fire becomes the flame of faith.
This is the day of Pentecost,
when the tongue of fire becomes Good News for the world.
This is the day of Pentecost,
when the passion of fire becomes the cleansing of our hearts.
This is the day of Pentecost,
let us come and worship God!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 375 (VU):

*Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.

Prayer of Confession

Generous God,
you give us the gift of your Spirit,
but we confess that we haven't always
acknowledged its presence in our lives.
Your Spirit whispers to us, nudges us
and seeks to lead us, but we have not always listened.

Your Spirit longs for truth and understanding,
but we have not always sought those paths.
Your Spirit blows where it wills,
but we have not always been open to new ways
of learning and serving as your people.
Forgive us, we pray.
Hear us now, as we make our silent confession before you...
(time of silent prayer)

Words of Affirmation

God's unfailing love sustains and upholds us;
God will never let us go.
Where the Spirit is, there is freedom.
We rejoice that we are a forgiven people!

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 1- 21

The story of the first Pentecost.

"Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church."
"Thanks be to God."

Faith Reflections

Hymn 382 (VU): Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Minute for Mission

The Offering

Prayers of the People

Spirit of life,
hear our prayer.