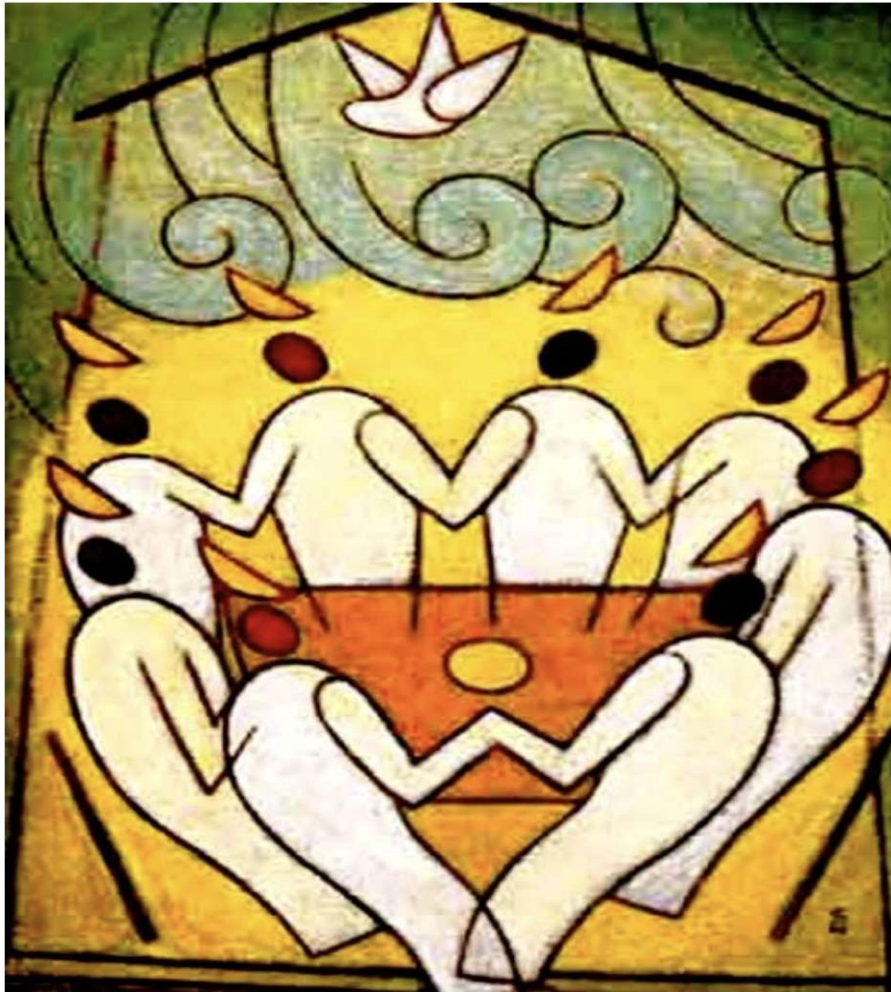


St. Davids-Queenston United Church

May 24, 2026, Pentecost Sunday
Asian Heritage Month



Soichi Watanabe (Japanese, 1949–), The Coming of the Holy Spirit, 1996. Oil on canvas, 18 × 13.25 in. Collection of the Overseas Ministries Study Center.



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* *Please stand, as you are able*

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: # MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

***Refrain:** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.*

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving, Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.

*All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. **R***

*Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. **R***

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.

*In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. **R***

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The candle is lit) Flames dancing, tongues of fire burning brightly, illuminating the shadowed places of our lives and searing radiance, all remind us of the first Pentecost. **The Christ light brings a reminder of Pentecostal splendour. May the dazzling light be for us a spark of Holy Wonder.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,

and in the shelter of the Spirit, we will rejoice and be glad.

The heavens are telling of the glory of God,

and beneath those very stars, we raise our spirits and proclaim that God is good.

The gifts of the Spirit are offered to us,

and, when we put them to use, we discover that our gifts blend with the gifts of others into a wonderful song filled with hope, energy, life, and love.

In this house of prayer, may we find shelter, lift our hearts in prayer, and sing songs of praise:

May we find strength in knowing we are the Body of Christ, enlivened by the Spirit, engaging the work of God in this world.

Come, let us worship our God!

GATHERING PRAYER

Great are your ways, Holy Spirit.

Great are your words, Holy Spirit.

You are in us and we are in you. Your love abides in us and we abide in your love. You lead us to the truth. You teach us the way. You inspire us to love others. You give us peace in our hearts, easing our troubled spirits.

We are grateful that you guide us to the truth of who we are and what we are meant to do. We thank you for your love and your guidance, today and every day. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) #960

ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

**Welcoming all to: Gather in God's Grace,
Grow in Christian Faith and
Go in Community Service.**

SACRED MUSIC: "Healing Grace" sung by Judith Bennoch, Melanie Kelch and Marianne McRae

LEARN TOGETHER: "I Love It" (Youth and Children's time)

I Love It (X 4) Jesus Said, Let the Children Come to Me Do Not Stop Them

I Love It (X 4) Jesus, Took the Children in His Arms Blessed Them!

I Love It (X 4) I Love you Jesus, I Love It (X 5)!!!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ruth 1:1-6,15-17 & Acts 2:1-4, 8

This is the Word of God for the people of God **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Tongues of Fire, Many Voices"

HYMN # VU 387 "Loving Spirit"

Refrain: *Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be –
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.*

*Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.*

*Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.*

*Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest. R*

VOICES OF ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH:

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*We bring to you Lord, our hearts full and ready
Because of Your grace and provision
All of creation, it cries for redemption
The heartbeat of Your love's inclusion
The hands of one join hands with the many
Our time, our talent, our treasure
We pray to you Lord, receive these our gifts
And use them in Your love's good measure.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

God of every nation and every neighbourhood, receive these gifts. Bless the ministries that welcome immigrants, support inclusivity, and raise up Asian-Canadians in our church. Teach us to be a family where no one is asked "where they are really from", because everyone belongs to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN # VU 380 "She Comes Sailing on the Wind"

***Refrain:** She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.*

*Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved up on the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.*

*Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on. **R***

*To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.*

*Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace. **R***

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,

*after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. R*

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

The Holy Spirit inspires us and gives us clear perspective. **The Holy Spirit prompts us to discover the presence of Christ all around us.**

The Holy Spirit inspires us and works through us. **The Holy Spirit prompts us to think and act in ways that reveal Christ's light to others.**

As we go from this place, we trust the Holy Spirit to fill us with inspiration and to prompt us to act in ways that share the Good News of Jesus Christ. May the grace of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

*Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see;
God will be there, watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen*

* PIANO POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the CE hall
following the Worship service this morning



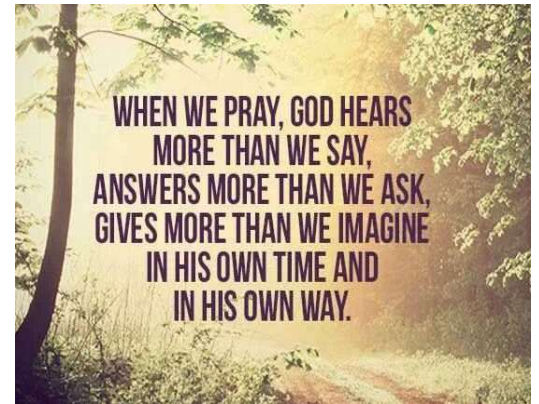
Thank You to **Donna Cardinal** for being our greeter, to **Judith Bennoch** for being our worship leader, to **Sharree Eidt & the trio** for their musical contribution, to **Enoch Cho** for leading our Sunday School, to the **Kitchen Helpers** for preparing coffee and goodies for our fellowship hour and to **Allen Zhang, Bill Utting, Steve Hardaker & Leo Xu** for livestreaming our Service.

Land Acknowledgement

There were people here long before we came to live on this land as settlers and descendants of settlers. We acknowledge these many Nations of Indigenous people who first lived and currently live here. We give thanks to this land, the territory(s) of these Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples. We do this to acknowledge our responsibility to enhance and promote peace among all who now share this land, as well as good stewardship of it and its resources.

Prayers: Barb Allman, Sue Foss, Jill Dill, Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Ivy Evans, Roy Harwood, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan. Prayers for Weldon (Willy) Harrison are requested as he heads into surgery on May 27, for cancer of his ear and neck.

Continuing prayers: Darren Deesin, Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher, Anthony Logan Siconolfi and Jennifer Fulton.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you from Ginny Slingerland, for the visits and cards/notes received for her 95th birthday. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated and it made a happy difference!

Hymn Books are available free, on the table in front of the kitchen.

Asian Heritage Month: The celebration of May as Asian Heritage Month has been officially recognized in Canada since 2002. This is a time to prayerfully reflect on the contributions of Asian Canadians to Canadian society.

Craft Group: Meetings for May 27 and June 3 are cancelled.

Spiritual Care Committee meets Wednesday, May 27 in the CE hall. **New members are always welcome to attend.**

Covenanting Service for Rev. Doug Neufeld, Sunday, May 24, 2026, @ 2:00 pm at Stamford Lane United Church. The service is open to the broader church community, and all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will follow the service.

Potluck Lunch: May 31 after the service.



Everyone is invited.



Offertory Envelopes: If anyone would like to have a box of these, contact Kathleen by email or phone. sdqsecretary@bellnet.ca, 905-262-5242