

Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge
Day of Pentecost – May 24
Kilbride – 9:30am; Carlisle – 11:00 am



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*Those who wish to do so are invited to stand for the Hymns and the Sending Forth/Benediction. Likewise, those who wish to do so are invited to respond aloud where indicated by **bold print**.*

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Land

The Life and Work of the Church
(Announcements & Celebrations)

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

The Spirit in me greets the Spirit in you.

The Spirit of Christ is with us.

The light in me recognizes the light in you.

The Light of Christ is in our midst.

[Carlisle] Gathering Music: soloist Jennifer Clugston Dorgelo

"You'll Never Walk Alone" by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein III

"My God Stands by Me" adapt. from Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber, and Mike Stoller

[Kilbride] Gathering Music: VU 195 (vv. 1 & 4) – On Pentecost They Gathered

Words: Jane Parker Huber 1976, alt.; Music: Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch 1693, adapt. Felix Mendelssohn 1847

The Westminster Choir, Buffalo Brass Ensemble, organist Käthe Wright Kaufmann, and Director of Music Garrett F. Martin from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Buffalo perform an arrangement by Mark Schweizer. Hymnist Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008) was, as published in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, a "renowned Presbyterian hymn writer and tireless advocate for women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)."

On Pentecost They Gathered (Munich, Arr. Schweizer)

- 1 On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

- 4 O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

Day of Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21

2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2:2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.

2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

2:11 Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."
2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
2:17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:

We have come to celebrate the birthday of the church.

We have come to celebrate Pentecost

and to open ourselves to God's Spirit that it might fill us.

**O God, help us to direct our thoughts to you,
that your power might fill this church and our lives,
as it filled your people throughout the ages.**

Teach us to be your church and your people. Amen.

Hymn: MV 142 – Oh a Song Must Rise

Words and Music: Paul B. Svenson, 1995; arr. Bryn Nixon 2006

Paul Svenson's jazzy hymn is performed by the choir of Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto. MCC Toronto is both a church and a human rights centre rooted in the 2SLGBTQ+ community and deeply committed to social justice.

[A Song Must Rise - Prelude 2020-01-12](#)

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Oh a song must rise once again.

*Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,*

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

1 From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,

the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. R

2 From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again.
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. R

3 From every house of worship,
in every faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. R

Prayer for Grace:

Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation,
the wind of change that blows through our lives,
opening us up to new dreams and new hopes,
new life in Jesus Christ.

Forgive us our closed minds

**which barricade themselves against new ideas,
preferring the past**

to what you might want to do through us tomorrow.

Forgive our closed eyes,

**which fail to see the needs of your world,
blind to opportunities of service and love.**

Forgive our closed hands,

which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone.

Forgive us our closed hearts,

which limit our affections to ourselves and our own.

Spirit of new life,

**forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness,
that we might be open to your love**

**and open for the service of your world,
through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace:

God's unfailing love sustains and upholds us;

God will never let us go.

Where the Spirit is, there is freedom.

Receive God's forgiveness.

Come alive in Christ!

Sung Response: VU 198 (vv. 1 & 2) – Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Words: Janie Alford 1979; Music: Thomas John Williams 1890

What a fun new setting of Janie Alford's lyrics! As stated on his Facebook page, "Steven Simpson, the Singing Pastor, specializes in musical programs for church groups and seniors." He is currently the Intentional Interim Pastor at St Paul's United Church of Christ in Sellersville, Pennsylvania, and performs on banjo and vocals with the bluegrass band the Rockdale Boys.

Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

- 1 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,
come with pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision,
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.

- 2 We would raise our hallelujahs
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O God, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way,
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.

Prayer for Illumination:

Living God, eternal Spirit,
as we listen to your word read among us,
let your bright, intoxicating energy,
which fired those first disciples,
fall on us. Amen.

Readings from Our Christian Tradition

Hebrew Scripture: Numbers 11:24-30

11:24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent.

11:25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

11:26 Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp.

11:27 And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

11:28 And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!"

11:29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

11:30 And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Gospel: John 20:19-23, *The spirit poured out*

20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Response: May the Spirit speak to us through these readings from our Holy Scripture. Amen.

Reflection

Hymn: VU 202 – O Breath of Life

Words: Elizabeth A. P. Head ca. 1914; Music: Mary Jane Hammond 1936

Parkside Evangelical Church in Littlehampton, UK, shares a lyric video for this hymn. The text was written by Bessie Porter Head (1850-1936), who became secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in Swansea before serving with the South African General Mission (SAGM) for ten years. After she married the chairman of the Keswick Convention (an annual Christian gathering focused on biblical teaching and mission), she continued to actively support both the SAGM and the Keswick Convention as a frequent speaker and prolific contributor to their publications.

[O Breath Of Life - YouTube](#)

- 1 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us
and fit your church to meet this hour.

- 2 O Wind of God, come bend us, break us
till humbly we confess our need;
then, in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore – for this we plead.
- 3 O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

Prayers of the People:

Sing into prayer: VU 400 – Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Don't skip listening to this video! This is a new find: "the Singing Pastor" Steve Simpson shares his version of Ken Medema's 1973 hymn.

[Lord, Listen to your Children Praying - YouTube](#)

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Prayer of Jesus

Prayer of Dedication/Offering:

**Life-giving Spirit,
bring to the bones of these gifts
the flesh of our actions
and the breath of our caring,
that our church and our service to others
may come to life in your name. Amen.**

Offertory: VU 544 – In Gratitude and Humble Trust

Frank von Christierson's 1960 offertory hymn is sung to the tune FOREST GREEN, an English folk tune sometimes used for the carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Ralph Vaughan Williams' 1906 setting). It is performed on organ by David Christensen.

[Forest Green - English Folk Tune played on organ](#)

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Hymn: VU 625 – I Feel the Winds of God

Words: Jessie Adams 1907, alt.; Music: English & Irish traditional melody

Set to the **KINGSFOLD** tune, these lyrics were penned by Jessie Adams (1863-1954), a member of the Society of Friends (Quakers) and teacher and leader of an adult school in Frimley, England. Her hymn is performed by the Havergal College Senior Choir. Located in Toronto, Havergal College is a private girls' school for grades Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, founded in 1894 as an Anglican Ladies' College.

I feel the Winds of God at Founders' Day 2026

- 1 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.

- 2 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.

- 3 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.

Commissioning & Benediction:

We are the church!

We follow where the Spirit leads,
daring to be risk takers wherever we go!

We are filled with the breath of the Holy Spirit!

Go in peace.

And may the Holy God surprise you on the way,
Christ Jesus be your company,

and the Spirit lift up your life. Amen.

Sung Sending Forth: MV 156 – Dance with the Spirit

Words & Music: Jim Strathdee 1995

The composer Jim Strathdee and his long-time music ministry collaborator and wife Jean perform "Dance with the Spirit" from *Mass for the Healing of the Earth*. You might consider trying out Jean's accompanying actions when you sing along!

Dance with the Spirit

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Online Postlude: Tsohle Tsohle by Abel Selaocoe

A stunning new artist on the classical music scene, South African cellist, vocalist, and composer Abel Selaocoe combines classical cello with traditional South African music, often performing vocals inspired by Xhosa throat singing and including various African languages. As his label Warner Classics states, Selaocoe's 2025 "*Hymns of Bantu* is an album aiming to highlight the shared universalities of people, the healing power of song, and allowing us to draw constant inspiration and understanding from those who came before us." The piece "Tsohle Tsohle," meaning "everything is everything" in Sesotho, celebrates our connection to the world around us. Hope you enjoy!

Abel Selaocoe - Tsohle Tsohle

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*Thank you to Jennifer Dorgelo
for sharing her music ministry at Carlisle this morning.*

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Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape. ~ Robert Ludlum

What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the master calls a butterfly. ~ Richard Bach

Prayer for the Week

(from Celebrate God's Presence)

Stir up the wills of your people, O God.
Move us into new ways of living.
Stir up the minds of your people, O God.

Move us into deeper ways of thinking.
Stir up the hearts of your people, O God.
Move us into fuller ways of loving.
Stir us thoroughly, O God.
Let us worship you afresh. Amen.