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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
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Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 24, 2026

PENTECOST Sunday

10:00 am at Little Current United Church

WELCOME: a special welcome to guests worshipping with us today. Please sign guest book as you enter the sanctuary.

Gathering & Prelude

Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church

We Approach God

Centering: “As the Wind Song Through the Trees” - Choir

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Long, long ago, Creator God chose land to create the first beings made in the image of God - humans. From that moment, until this very moment, we are creatures of land. We honour Creator, and the land, when we walk gently, act in ways to help not just humans but all life, and know we are stewards - temporary caretakers - of this Eden. We sin when we break the relationships among people, land, creatures, waters, skies. This truth has been known by First Nations people since that long, long ago time. This truth is being relearned by settler peoples, who forgot this truth, or chose to ignore it. We acknowledge today this land is not our own. We are guests of Creator. This place, Waebijewung, Little Current, Mnidoo Mnis, Manitoulin Island, this place has been cared for by Odawa, Ojibwe, and Pottawatomi Anishinaabeg for generations upon generations. To honour God is to honour traditional stewardship, and to join with First Nations in caring for this land from which we are all made.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Christ light brings a reminder of Pentecostal splendour. Consider the flames dancing, tongues of fire burning brightly, which radiate light into the shadowed places of our lives. May the dazzling radiance of life spark Holy Wonder within us. (+1)

- Light the Christ Candle.

2.

Call to Worship:

Your response is: **Come Holy Spirit, Come**

One: We are surrounded by all the signs of God's loving power

All: Come Holy Spirit, Come

One: We long for renewing of life, for hope given, for a spark in our hearts, power to address injustice.

All: Come Holy Spirit, Come

One: When we are afraid, when we are overwhelmed, when we are at a loss of the way forward:

All: Come Holy Spirit, Come (+2)

Invocation:

Come, Holy Spirit, break into our world, for we need you.

Come, Holy Spirit, dance your way into the corners of our lives where we are overwhelmed and angered by the tragedy, injustice, and horrors unfolding in this world; the corners where we are grieving, questioning, wondering, and waiting.

Caress us with your comfort. Mend our broken spirits. Tickle us with your joy. Inspire us with God's vision. Come Holy Spirit, come. We need you. The world needs you. Amen. (+3)

Opening Hymn: “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” VU 375

Learning Time for All Ages:-

**The Spirit Goes Where It
Pleases**



Listening

Hymn of Illumination (MV 44 vs 3)

**Naming the nameless Spirit of unity,
scanning the heavens for signs of your care;
God of the ages, give us humility;
guide us to mystical union in prayer.**

3.

Holy Scripture:

Acts 2:1-21 (The Holy Spirit comes in wind and flame)

1 Corinthians 12:3-13 (One Spirit, many gifts.)

May God's spirit shape our understanding of these words.

And may they awaken in our hearts

Sermon: " From Ashes - New Life"

Learning Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" VU 382

M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

"The Work of Compassion"

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Out of gratitude, let us invest in the work God is doing now, and will do tomorrow.

(The offerings are brought forward)

****Offertory Hymn: (MV 191)**

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share

Prayer of Commitment (unison)

Creator God, we bring our gifts and tithes to you out of gratitude for your promises made and never forgotten. May all we offer be a blessing to the givers, and receivers, so we ever grow together in your love. Amen (+4)

Prayers of the People:

Breath of God, we ask you to breathe upon us and give us new life. Holy Spirit, Comforter, Presence of God, we welcome you into our midst.

Fire of God, we wait in wonder, awe, and fear.

What will you ignite in us?

Will we be able to bear the burning desires you place in us?

What will your fire destroy?

4.

What will your fire purify?

What will rise from the ashes of our plans and programs?

We are afraid.

Nevertheless... we ask you to come today. (+5)

We are spring gardens. We remember what was. We long for those big fields full of ripe harvests. We long for pews filled and lines out the door. But the passage of time, the winter of trust and participation in organizations, has been harsh.

But it is spring. And you are the Master Gardener. Your fire burns away the old growth and brush. Your ashes are nutrients worked into the soil of our lives. What will you bring forth this year? What new things are you planting? What glorious summer days and rich harvests await us, await this congregation, await the church?

Grant us a hint today. Grant us peace in not knowing. And grant us excitement for the work and growth ahead.

We honour today all the harvests and years that have brought us to this moment - thank you, God, for the garden of Rockville Methodist and St. Andrew's Presbyterian of Cold Spring. Thank you for the garden of Little Current Wesleyan Methodist and Little Current Knox Presbyterian. Thank you for the garden of Rockville Church, and Little Current Methodist.

Thank you for the garden of Honora Presbyterian and Green Bay Methodist. Thank you for the garden of Sheguiandah Methodist. Thank you for the United Churches in Little Current, Green Bay, and Sheguiandah. Thank you for this current pastoral charge - and thank you, too, for whatever garden you plant here next.

Generation after generation, you abide with us. Your Holy Spirit Wind changes the way we do worship, and where we do worship, and how we conduct ourselves. Your fire makes us afraid. Your language is global and universal and that is hard in our specific local context. But O God, we trust you. We trust you because for generation after generation, you have planted us again and again in community with you.

We pray for all our ancestors, and for all those with us now, and all those who are yet to be:

We pray for these people and situations we name aloud and in our hearts now:

And we pray the prayer Jesus taught us generation after generations ago saying "(+3)

5.

...“Our Father/Mother/God who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever.” AMEN

Going Forth Into The World

Going Out Hymn: “Oh a Song Must Rise” MV 142

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

On this anniversary of the birth of the church, this celebration of hope, this commemoration of a Spirit of redeeming love, go out and be the peace, share the justice, and offer the truth in Christ's name. Amen! (+6)

- *Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts*

Choral Benediction: TLUS 105

*May you be held,
may you be held
in the love,
in the love of God. (sing 2X)*

Go now in the peace of Christ!

Resources Sourced:

- (+1) Revised - Laura Turnbull,- Penticton, BC – Gathering, Pent. 1, 2026 – pg. 27.
- (+2) Inspired by Gary Simpson, – Edmonton, AB, - Gathering, Pent 1 2026, - pg. 28
- (+3) Susan Lukey, - High River AB – Gathering, Pent 1, 2026 – pg.28
- (+4) Sue Carleton, - Shallow Lake, ON – Gathering, Pent 1, 2026 - pg. 29
- (+5) Karen Pryznyk,- Okotoks, AB – Gathering, Pent 1, 2026,- pg. 28
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Welcome

To Worship



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“Pentecost”

Sunday

May 24, 2026



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ACTS 2:1-21

Hymns for May 24, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (VU 375)

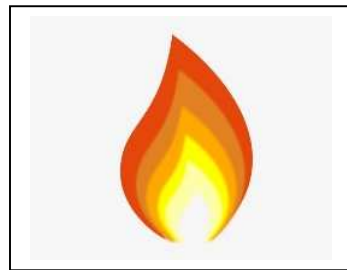
Refrain: **Spirit, Sprit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

1. 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 call to each thing:
wake from you slumbers and rise on your wings. *Refrain.*
2. You swept thro' 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 thro' your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain.*
3. 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.
Refrain.
4. 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. *Refrain.*

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#2 VU 382 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

1. 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.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.



3. Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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#3 MV 142 Oh a Song Must Rise

Refrain:

**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 sprit 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. **Refrain.**
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. **Refrain.**
3. From ev'ry house of worship,
in ev'ry 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. **Refrain.**

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