

Pentecost Sunday

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

Call to Worship

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
and transform our thoughts and actions.

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
and fill us with your wisdom.

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
**and refresh our commitment to serve in repentance,
love and renewal.**

We have come to rejoice in God, our Saviour.

HYMN VU 202 O Breath of Life

Opening Prayer

God of wind and flame,
at Pentecost your Spirit inspired Jesus' followers to speak, in his
name, what was needed in ways that all who heard could
understand.

But we confess that we have ignored your guidance
and kept to our own words and understandings
rather than letting your Spirit speak through us.

Unlock the barriers that keep us from being all
That your Holy Spirit calls us to be.

Send your Spirit to inspire our faith
and energize us in repentance and transformation
for our mission of justice and our ministry of love. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SERVICE OF THE WORD TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by

one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

John 20:19–23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

This is the word of God for the people of God.

ALL; Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 376 *Spirit of the Living God*

AS WE REFLECT UPON THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem – Come Bless the Lord

Sermon Message

Lock Yer Doors! – Michael Way Skinner

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Invitation to Generosity

At Pentecost, the gifts of the Spirit are poured out on the Church, preparing Christ's followers to serve him in the world.

Acknowledging the need for reconciliation to heal the harms we, your church, have caused, we offer our gifts to God with the hope and prayer that the service of the church will reflect the living witness the Spirit leads us to today.

DOXOLOGY VU 541 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Spirit of grace and power, bless these gifts today so that they accomplish the work that is needed in Jesus' name. We offer ourselves, too, so that our lives may faithfully proclaim the Good News with your grace and power. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Wind of the Spirit,
blow through us on this day of Pentecost and renew our faith.
Re-awaken our love for you and
give us energy to serve you in Christ's Church.

Help us recognize needs for ministry and mission,
and equip us to meet new challenges
in ways we haven't dared before.

Help us discern and enact the transformation needed
to heal the harms your church has caused,
working for truth, healing and right relations with others.

(A Moment of Silence)

Give us strength for the tasks to which we are called,
both collectively and individually,
and breathe through us in prayer and praise.
Spirit of Power and Promise,

Move within us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and give us understanding
for the challenges facing our communities and your creation
in these complex times.

We pray too for renewed commitment and your guidance
to work for the truth, healing, reconciliation and repentance that
we are called to do for the church's role, and our own roles, in the
victimization and diminishment of others.

(A Moment of Silence)

Transform us as disciples who give faithful witness
to you and your love.

Spirit of Power and Promise,

Move within us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring healing
for all who face pain or illness,
discouragement or disappointment,
for all who know sorrow, sadness or grief,
and for those who face pressures coping with the cost of living.

(A Moment of Silence)

We ask you to bring healing to the earth, to places of upheaval
and to ecosystems at risk.

Spirit of Power and Promise,

Move within us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit,
blow through us

and bring us the compassion we see in Christ Jesus.
blow through us and refresh us as your faithful followers,
equipped to serve the world you love in his name,
warm our hearts with trust in Jesus Christ
and dare us to live lives of loving service in his name
as together we say the words he taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father
 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.
 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,
 the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever,
 Amen

Words of Grace

Children of God, receive the Holy Spirit, and engage the gifts and talents offered to serve Christ Jesus in the world.
 Unbind yourselves from any and all things that prevent you from being authentic witnesses to the Gospel.
 In the Holy Spirit, we are people of strength and compassion.
 The Holy Spirit journeys with you.
 Inspiration is available for you.
 Know that your prayers are met and amplified by this same Spirit, and Christ will lead the way to life and love everlasting on earth as in heaven.

HYMN VU 374 *Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

COMMISSIONING BENEDICTION

Spirit of God, as we move forward from this space,
 Blow through this world and our lives like a refreshing wind.
 Surround us with the warmth and breath of your presence
 and give us the energy to go where you need us to be.
 Take us to the places and spaces where we dare not go.
 Move us to act with healing,

love and caring service to the lives we touch,
 acknowledging where we have gone wrong
 and working for redress;
 changing where change is needed;
 led by the Spirit to live lives of faithful discipleship.

Surround all your people with love and courage to face each day,
 and help us build right relations with you and with each other in
 Christ, offering our support to each other in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

HYMN MV 215 *Peace Be with You*

Postlude

Welcome!



Michael Way Skinner

Michael was born in Newfoundland as the 9th of 10 children of Mi'kmaq & Irish heritage. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy) from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S. He has a Masters of Divinity from Harvard University, and completed the PRSE (Program in Religion and Secondary Education) with the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He is an author, curriculum writer and international speaker. In March 2020, he and his wife published a book with Novalis Publishing Canada - "There Must be a Pony in Here Somewhere: Everyday Stories of God's Goodness". With his wife, Christine, he has parented 6 children. Retired from his role in education, he is currently part-time chaplain at a long term care home. He is particularly delighting in his new role as grandfather to Aliyah!



Leading Worship:

Michael Way Skinner

Music

Brenda Shaw

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Thank you!

Michael Way Skinner for leading worship
Audrey Gorr for reading the Scripture
Ryth Downey for greeting & the refreshments
Paul Sawatsky for guitar accompaniment
Philip Armstrong for Slides and Audio

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VU 202 – O Breath of Life

- 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.

VU 376 – Spirit of the Living God

- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

- 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

VU541 Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

VU 374 – Come and Find the Quiet Centre

- 1 Come and find the quiet centre
 in the crowded life we lead,
 find the room for hope to enter,
 find the frame where we are freed:
 clear the chaos and the clutter,
 clear our eyes, that we can see
 all the things that really matter,
 be at peace, and simply be.

- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
 cools the heat and slows the pace,
 God it is who speaks and names us,
 knows our being, face to face,
 making space within our thinking,
 lifting shades to show the sun,
 raising courage when we're shrinking,
 finding scope for faith begun.

- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,
 open to each other's pain,
 let our loves and fears unravel,
 celebrate the space we gain:
 there's a place for deepest dreaming,
 there's a time for heart to care,
 in the Spirit's lively scheming
 there is always room to spare!

MV215 *Peace Be With You*

Peace be with you, Peace forever,

Peace be with you, My friends.

Till we meet again, May God be with you. Peace, peace, peace

Hymns