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Sunday May 24, 2015

**Melville United Church**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2015**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

\* Congregation please stand as you are able.

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today: Rev. Marion Loree

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Sharing the Light

**Prelude/Centring Time:** Improvisation

#### Call to Worship:

Scripture tells us of how, time and again,  
 God's Spirit has been poured out upon God's people,  
 renewing, re-creating, and reinvigorating the community of faith.

**On this Pentecost Sunday,**  
**we come to this place and time of worship**  
**confident that God is with us.**

**The Holy Spirit will be our guide, our comfort, and our truth.**

With the universal church in all its history and diversity, we pray:

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Refresh and renew us in hope, peace, joy, and love.**

**\*Hymn:** Light the Fire in My Heart

(Band song )

#### Opening Prayer: (based on Acts 2)

**God of wind and flame, ignite a fire in our hearts on this day of Pentecost, and fill us with your courage and power. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your people around the world, that our young people may have visions, and our elders may dream dreams. Blow into our lives, and renew us as a people of faith, that we might spread the good news of your love. Amen.**

#### Prayer for Inner Healing:

Loving Father, you breathe life into our bodies  
 and open your hand to fill us with good things,  
**yet we act as if the world is against us.**

Caring Mother, you dance with us upon the mountaintop

and call us to sing and rejoice in your presence,  
**yet we act as if we are little more than dust.**  
 Spirit of gentleness, you come to us in our weakness,  
 and intercede on our behalf with sighs too deep for words,  
**yet we act as if we bear our burdens alone.**  
 Come once more in rushing wind and cleansing fire,  
**that we may open our eyes to the glory of your world.**  
 Through your spirit, who shows us the way,  
**open our ears to the needs of your people. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

People of God, the Spirit of God is constantly assuring us of God's love for us.

**The Spirit is our advocate and guide.**

Spirit is unwavering in the desire to bring us into right relationship with God.

**We need only do our bit and respond.**

May peace be with you.

**The peace of Christ is with us always.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**Chorus:** Know That God is Good MV 104

**Know that God is good, know that God is good,**  
**Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.** (Repeat)

**Theme Conversation:** The Wind Blows (based on Acts 2:1-21)

**Hymn:** Come, O Holy Spirit MV 23

**Minute for Mission:**

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 104:24-35 (refrain 2) VU 826-827  
 (Wisdom was creating at God's side)

**Scripture Reading:** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (The Inclusive Bible, The First Egalitarian Edition) (Jesus will send the Spirit)  
 When the Paraclete comes - the Spirit of Truth who comes from Abba God, whom I myself will send from my Abba - she will bear witness on my behalf. You too must bear witness, for you've been with me from the beginning.

I didn't tell you this at first because I was with you. Now I am going to the One who sent me - yet not one of you has asked, 'Where are you going?' You are sad of heart because I tell you this. Still, I must tell you the truth: it is much better for you that I go. If I fail to go, the Paraclete will never come to you, whereas if I go, I will send her to you.

When she comes, she will prove the world wrong about sin, about justice and about judgment. About sin - in that they refuse to believe in me; about justice - because I go to Abba God and you will see me no more; about judgment - for the ruler of this world has been condemned.

I have much more to tell you, but you can't bear to hear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth. She won't speak on her own initiative; rather, she'll speak only what she hears, and she'll announce to you things that are yet to come.

In doing this, the Spirit will give glory to me, for she will take what is mine and reveal it to you. Everything that Abba God has belongs to me. This is why I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and reveal it to you.

Reader: Rodger Dunlop

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 2:1-21 (The Inclusive Bible, The First Egalitarian Edition)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome - all Jews, or converts to Judaism - Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!"

All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: "Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think - it's only nine o'clock in the morning! No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of:

'In the days to come - it is our God who speaks - I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God. And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.'

#### **Reflection: The Spirit Speaks**

**\*Hymn:** She Comes Sailing on the Wind

VU 380

#### **Offering:**

**Ministry of Music:** I Will Sing with Spirit - John Rutter

**Offering Song:** What Can I Do?

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. (Repeat)

#### **\*Offertory Prayer:**

Creating and giving God, your Spirit works in and through us. We see the needs in our world and we know we can make a difference. We bring our offerings to express our willing participation in Christ's ministry. May these gifts be a part of what makes the difference.  
Amen.

#### **Joys and Concerns:**

**Prayer Prelude:** Spirit of Life VU 381

Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

#### **Prayers of the People:**

#### **Prayer of Jesus:**

**\*Hymn:** I Feel the Winds of God VU 625

#### **\*Blessing/Sending Forth:**

The Spirit calls us,  
**and we are encouraged to respond faithfully.**  
The Spirit moves us,  
**and we are encouraged to work diligently.**  
The Spirit fills us,  
**and we are encouraged to live peacefully.**  
The Spirit challenges us,  
**and we are encouraged to act with justice.**  
The Spirit loves us,  
**and we are encouraged to mirror that love, every day in every way.**  
Go now, knowing the Spirit of God dwells in you.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**\*Parting Song:** Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God 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, within, around, above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

**Postlude:** D. Buxtehude - Prelude in D

**Prayer of the Week:**

When our hearts are staid and our souls just sigh...renew our Spirits!  
 When our ears are closed and our bones are dry...renew our Spirits!  
 When our minds say "no" and our wills won't try...renew our Spirits!  
 O God, let your Spirit descend on us and light our hearts and souls with  
 love. Amen.

**Partners in Prayer:** Centre Wellington Foodbank

**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** St. Andrew's, Hamilton

**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Isabel Weaver, Diane Maloney,  
 David Gohn, Isobel Glennie

**Counters:** Lloyd Ross, Kaillie Rawn

May	Theme	Ministry
17	Ascension	Marion
24	Pentecost	Marion
31	Trinity	U.C.W.
<b>June</b>		
7	90 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. of Church Union	
14	3 <sup>rd</sup> of Pentecost	Marion
21	Father's Day	Jen
28	5 <sup>th</sup> of Pentecost	Marion