

Melville United Church  
Sunday, May 15, 2016  
Pentecost



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*\* Congregation please stand as you are able.*

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today: Rev. Marion Loree

**Prelude:** Improvisation

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Sharing the Light**

**Call to Worship:**

Gentle Spirit of God, breath of life which touches each face with love,  
**you are with us and within us.**

You are the melody of joy in all creation,  
poured out in notes of hope and healing around us all,  
**you are with us and within us.**

Passionate Spirit, warming our hearts  
with the bright flame of your caring,  
**you are with us and within us.**

Divine Dreamer, who casts a glimpse of beauty  
in the imaginations of all your children,  
**you are with us and within us.**

Host of the table, you set a feast of grace  
and welcome all to your bounty,  
**you are with us and within us.**

On this day we name your coming,  
the Holy One who never leaves us, nor forsakes us.  
**You are with us and within us.**

Stay with us now, Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ.

**\*Hymn:** Come, O Holy Spirit

**MV 23**

**Opening Prayer:**

**As we gather today, O God,  
we give thanks for the spirit of your love.  
As a wind sweeps over the plains,**

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through the mountain passes and city streets,  
 we ask that your spirit sweep through this place,  
 refreshing us with the breeze of your grace.  
 As the story of your presence has swept  
 through the pages of our history,  
 may we remember  
 and open ourselves to the breath of your Holy Spirit  
 which you offer to us all. Amen.

**Prayer for Inner Healing:**

Holy Presence, your Spirit is all around us, refreshing us, giving us energy and hope. And yet too often we do not see it, being caught up in our day-to-day affairs. Look into our hearts and know that we do not mean to ignore you. Come to our awareness again and challenge and equip us to live our lives with Spirit at our centre. Amen.

**Words of Assurance:**

Friends, hear the good news from scripture: All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. Know that, as children of God, you have new and everlasting life.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Chorus:** Dance with the Spirit **MV 156**

**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. (repeat)**

**Theme Conversation:**

**Hymn:** You Gotta Move When the Spirit Says Move

**Scripture:** John 14:8-17 *(the Inclusive Bible-The First Egalitarian Edition)*  
*(A Spirit of adoption, not slavery)*

“Rabbi,” Philip said, “show us Abba God, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and still you

don't know me?

Whoever has seen me has seen Abba God. How can you say, ‘Show us your Abba’? Don't you believe that I am in Abba God and God is in me? The words I speak are not spoken of myself; it is Abba God, living in me, who is accomplishing the works of God.

Believe me that I am in God and God is in me, or else believe because of the works I do. The truth of the matter is, anyone who has faith in me will do the works I do - and greater works besides. Why? Because I go to Abba God, and whatever you ask in my name I will do, so that God may be glorified in me. Anything you ask in my name I will do.

If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always - the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you.

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 104:24-35 **VU 827** Part 2, Ref 2  
*(God and Wisdom create the earth creatures)*

**Scripture:** Acts 2:1-21 *(the Inclusive Bible-The First Egalitarian Edition)*  
*(The Spirit comes)*

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.'

**Message:** Let the Spirit Come!

**Hymn:** Spirit, Open My Heart **MV 79**

**Offering:**

**Ministry of Music:** Douglas Nolan - Fall on Me

**\*Offering Hymn:** What Can I Do?

**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:**

**We offer ourselves to you, O God, trusting you to take all that we have and are and use it to transform places of hurt, places of injustice, places of despair into places of hope, love, and celebration.  
Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns:**

**Prayer Prelude:** Spirit of the Living God - vs 1 **VU 376**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Prayers of the People:**

**The Prayer of Jesus:**

**\*Hymn: Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us VU 198**

**\*Blessing:**

Walk through into the unknown future,  
believing that we go in Holy Company.

And may the Holy spirit guard and guide us,  
Christ Jesus speak clearly into the challenges,  
and the Eternal God create a new way before us.

**Amen!**

**\*Parting Song:** Melville Benediction

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

**Prayer of the Week:**

Come, Spirit, gather us as one. Gather us for worship and praise; gather us to be formed in your word and your ways. Come, Spirit, scatter us, one for all. Scatter us as your Body of Christ for the sake of this God-loved world. Amen.

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