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**Melville United Church**  
**Sunday, June 9, 2019**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

\* Congregation please stand as you are able.

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today - Rev. Marion Loree

**Prelude: Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name** *Traditional Spiritual*  
**Welcome & Announcements**  
**Sharing the Light**

**Call to Worship:**

The Spirit blows life through us all

**We gather to celebrate this life-giving Spirit**

The Spirit breaks down all barriers and walls.

**We give thanks for the Spirit, both Giver and Gift.**

The Spirit is God's presence working through us all.

**We open our minds and hearts to Spirit's presence.**

Come, people of God, let us worship together.

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

**MV 23**

**Opening Prayer:**

Holy Oneness, may the power of your spirit  
blow through our midst this day,

**filling our lungs with energy, vitality,  
and an eagerness to serve.**

May the power of your spirit  
ignite a fire within us that knows no fear,  
**giving us the courage to be your people.**

May the power of your spirit  
open our hearts and loosen our tongues  
**so with boldness we may proclaim  
your vision of love and justice  
for all people and all Creation.**

**Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

Spirit of Truth, you know how quickly discouragement can take hold in our lives.

**We find it difficult to trust  
that you are working in and through us.**  
Spirit of Truth, we can be quick to judge those who are different  
**We create protective barriers  
and expect others to conform and be like us.**

Spirit of Truth, we know we live in an all too violent world

**We wish it were different, but are reluctant  
to lay down our weapons of self-protection.**

Spirit of Truth, help us let go of our fears and embrace the peace you offer.

**Forgive us, and help us live every day  
in your ways of love and justice. Amen**

**Words of Affirmation:**

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Ministry of Music:** Like a River

M&L Lantz

**Time with the Younger Ones:**

**Song:** I Can Feel You Near Me God

**MV 48**

**Scripture:** John 14:8-17, 25-27 (*The Inclusive Bible, the First Egalitarian Translation*)  
(*God will send you the Spirit of Truth*)

"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.

This much have I said to you while still with you; but the Paraclete, the Holy spirit whom Abba God will send in my name, will instruct you in everything and she will remind you of all that I told you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; but the kind of peace I give you is not like the world's peace. Don't let your hearts be distressed; don't be fearful.

**Words to Inspire:** (*Sri Daya Mata - Enter the Quiet Heart:*

*Creating a Loving Relationship with God*

The peace and harmony so urgently sought by all cannot be had from material things or any outer experience; it is just not possible. Perhaps by watching a beautiful sunset or going to the mountains or seaside you might feel a temporary serenity. But even the most inspiring setting will not give you peace if you are inharmonious in your own being.

The secret of bringing harmony into the outer circumstances of your life is to establish an inner harmony with your soul and with God.

**Reader:** Mary Lloyd

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

(*The Spirit comes on the day of Pentecost*)

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: Living With Spirit**

**Hymn:** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

**VU 375**

#### **Offering:**

**Ministry of Music:** Jesus is the Bridge Over Troubled Water      *Al Harkins*

**\*Offering Hymn:** What Can I Do?      **MV 191**

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

Seeing Spirit, searching Spirit,  
**generous Spirit, sharing Spirit.**  
 Holy Spirit of love, bless these gifts,  
**and all the gifts of heart and mind**  
**we offer in God's service of love. Amen.**

#### **Prayer Prelude: Send Your Holy spirit**

**VU 370**

**Send your Holy spirit  
 on our gathered people,  
 merciful and loving God,  
 hear us, as we pray.**

(Repeat)

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

Response:

**Holy One, through the power of your spirit,  
 shape us into a people who give form to your love.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer:**

**\*Hymn:** Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth

**VU 207**

#### **\*Blessing:**

Jesus came and stood among them and said,  
**"Peace be with you! As God has sent me,  
 so I am sending you."**

Then he breathed on them and said,  
 "Receive the Holy spirit."

**Let us go, now, in the power of God's Spirit.**

Go, knowing you never go alone.

**Amen.**

#### **Parting Song: 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)

#### **Postlude: My Sisters and Brothers**

*Charles Johnson*

**Prayer of the Week:**

Come Spirit, come, for the birthing and re-birthing of our faith. Come Spirit, come, for the renewal of all creation. Come Spirit, come, to gather us and form us in your word and ways. Come Spirit, come, to empower us as agents of God's liberating love. Amen.

**Partners in Prayer:** The Door Youth Centre

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**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

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