

**Worship Liturgy for Sunday May 31, 2020**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Communion**

*Acknowledgement of the Land:*

*“We respectfully acknowledge that Emmanuel United Church is located on the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which include: Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations.*

*The congregation of Emmanuel United Church respectfully acknowledges that the Williams Treaties First Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters in perpetuity, and that they continue to maintain this responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come.” (Land Acknowledgement Written by Chief Phyllis Williams of Curve Lake First Nation)*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: We light this candle to remind us that the Light of Christ cannot be overcome by the darkness. Let our hearts trust in the Living One who could not be imprisoned by death. Jesus, the Light of truth, justice, love and hope.

Prelude: Moment of Reflection

*\*Invitation to Gather in Christ’s Name*

L: Spirit of the living God, visit us on this day of Pentecost.

**A: Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: Come rushing wind, sweep away all human barriers,

**A: come, Holy Spirit.**

L: Come tongues of fire, set our hearts aflame,

**A: come, Holy Spirit.**

L: Come Holy Spirit uniting the Babel of our tongues,

**A: come, Holy Spirit.**

L: Come love, overlapping the boundaries of race, gender, religion and nation,

**A: come, Holy Spirit.**

L: Come power from above making our weakness strong,

**A: Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: We come and worship in the presence of the Living Spirit of Christ. (by Nolan and Phyllis Palsma modified by Rev. Bryan Ransom )

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

*\*Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

With the beat of a wild wing,

the rush of a mighty wind,

the flame of Pentecost,

touch us, Holy Spirit!

Love us into being, Spirit of God,

Love us into wholeness, Spirit of Wisdom,

Love us into newness, Spirit of Christ!

Maranatha! Alleluia!

May it be now and forevermore we pray, (Our Father and Mother...)

(By Rt Rev. Richard Bott modified by Rev B. Ransom)

*Preparation for Proclamation*

**Hymn 380 VU She Comes Sailing On The Wind**

**Scripture Lesson:**

Scripture Reader: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The Acts of The Apostles 2:1-21

*Reflection: "Having the Spirit"*

Invitation to Celebrate Communion

Communion Hymn 582 VU There's A Spirit In The Air

*Pentecost Prayer for Communion*

Loving God,

whose Divine Lungs exhaled the Spirit into our World,

Your breath continues to transform our world

From stillness into stirring.

Before the earth was formed the Spirit of God swirled through voids and shadows.

As humans were created the air of God filled the lungs of Adam and the soul of Eve.

This Divine Air continues to fill us up  
even when our bones become dry and our spirits sluggish.

On this day of Pentecost, we celebrate the breath of the Spirit coming upon the disciples. As the Spirit fell upon the disciples, we invite that same Spirit to come upon these elements.

God of winds, pour out your Spirit to make the elements come alive for us. Empower this meal to awaken our sleepy hearts and stagnant souls.

May this time of eating and drinking be one  
where we stir from our sadness and rise from our hopelessness into your transformational love.

May we begin to celebrate visions  
and animate the dreams that have only been alive in our minds.

As we share this meal,  
let us remember our siblings in faith who came to this table decades and centuries past.  
May future generations surround this table,  
each generation uniquely celebrating your presence, Spirit of Life.

Remembrance:

The night before Jesus died was a solemn time around the table.  
Breaking bread. Drinking from the cup.  
Jesus asking his friends to remember him in the eating of bread and drinking of wine. We too  
break bread and drink from the Cup of life in remembrance of Jesus.

There was a time to mourn followed by a time to dance.

After the day of resurrection  
The disciples ate on the beach with the risen Christ  
celebrating new life, new hope, and new vitality.

On this Pentecost Day, we come to the table,  
celebrating the Spirit of Resurrection  
and the promise of a needed second-wind in our own lives.

Let us partake in this celebratory meal together.

We Break Bread and Pour Wine

Sharing the Elements (We say)

Jesus Christ, The Bread Of Life! (Eat the bread)

Jesus Christ, The True Vine! (Drink the wine)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)*

Spirit of God, who fed the multitudes, provided the manna in the wilderness, and blessed the elements, we give great thanks for the meal eaten and the company surrounding us.

Inspire us as we move forward this day and encourage your Holy Spirit in each of us to transform Your vision of love into reality. Amen. (<https://michelleorigian.com/2017/06/01/a-communion-liturgy-for-pentecost/>) modified by Rev. B Ransom

**Sharing our Blessings**

*Offering:*

*\*Hymn of Presentation: VU 538 "For the Gift of Creation"*

*\*Prayer of Dedication:*

*Prayers Of The People*

*\*Hymn: 142 MV Oh A Song Must Rise*

*\*Sending Forth*

*Postlude*

**In Appreciation**

*Minister: Bryan Ransom & All the Congregation*

*Music: Arlene Gray*

*Scripture: Carol Parnell*

*Thank You to all those who worked to make this worship service possible for your viewing.*

*Announcements: Patti Shaw*

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