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Pentecost

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Welcome and Announcements

Good morning and welcome!

As we worship together this morning, may the Giver of Life open our hearts to God's guiding word. Through story, song, and silence teach us to live our lives in a spirit of generosity. Amen.

Lighting the Christ Candle.

We light this candle in the hope that today, we will hear, find, experience the good news of Jesus the Christ. We hope this candle, a symbol of peace in a troubled world, will bring a measure of peace to this place. Let it burn here, and then, let it burn in our hearts as well.

Acknowledging Our Kinship.

As we begin today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous People of this region. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations as we live, work, and worship upon Traditional Territory. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.

Call to Worship.

One: It is understandable if neighbours are confused. There are so many problems in our world; climate change, violence, tremendous inequity, to name a few. Yet, we gather together to sing songs of praise, rejoice and embrace a renewed energy. It can all look a bit strange.

All : We are heirs of God and joint heirs of Christ. This is our identity.

One: It is understandable if neighbours are confused. Daily we are confronted by expressions of hatred, animosity, mistrust. Yet, here we speak a language of welcome

where none are left out, no matter their origin, ethnicity, gender, age, or any of the many ways hatred is nurtured. It can all look a bit strange.

All : We are the children of God, the partners with Christ. This is our identity.

One: It is understandable if neighbours are confused. Everyone thought this liberating, justice proclaiming Realm of God movement was all but over. Jesus was executed. The movement should be dead as well. Yet, here we gather with the expectancy that God's spirit is on the loose and the movement continues to unfold. It can all look a bit strange.

All : We are the friends of Jesus, working with the Holy Spirit. This is our identity.

One: Then let us worship the One whose spirit shapes us into a new people, giving witness to the hope that is ours.

All : We lift our voice in praise to the God of all Creation. Amen.

Hymn: # **375 VU**- Spirit of Gentleness

Prayer of Confession-

One: Let us come before God now, to open our souls and find forgiveness.

All : Spirit of Truth, you know how quickly discouragement begins taking hold in our lives. We can find it difficult to trust that you are at work in the soil of our disappointments and become hesitant to take the risks that faithfulness demands.

One: Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

All : Spirit of Truth, we can be quick to judge that which is unfamiliar.

One: Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

All : Spirit of Truth, we become guarded around people whose life experiences, beliefs, and values are different from ours.

One: Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.
All : **Spirit of Truth, we know we live in an all too violent world. It makes us afraid and so we don't let others into our lives.**

One: Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.
All : **Spirit of Truth, help us let go of our fears, embrace the peace you offer, and live every day as those adopted into the promise of your love and justice.**

The Assurance of Pardon.

Hymn: # 512 VU- Lord, you Give the Great Commission.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Message:

Hymn: #624 VU - Give to us Laughter.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Offering
Dedication

A Moment for concerns and celebrations.
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern.
The Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: The God of healing be with you.
All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God who brings joy out of sorrow.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Teach us again the converting ways of Jesus, wherein weakness is strength and foolishness is wisdom.

All: In Christ, we are taken to places of powerlessness, for the sake of a renewed and vital compassion.

One: We stand with all those who have suffered or who continue to suffer because of war.

All: Let there be healing, may there be reconciliation born of forgiveness, understanding, and mutual respect.

One: In the name of Christ we are here, breaking bread and lift up the cup. Let these elements provide you each with the Spirit of hope in times of darkness.

The elements are shared - Please follow the worship leader.

Post Communion Prayer.

Hymn: **#207 VU-** Spirit of God, Unleashed upon the Earth.

Blessing and Commissioning

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Baby Bottles for Fresh Start are available from Rev. Cheryl - Please return by the second Sunday of June.

Final UCW meeting before summer will be June 14th at 11:00 a.m, followed by lunch at The Bistro. Please sign up by calling the office by May 31st. All Ladies of the church are welcome.



Strawberry Social will be on June 24th from 5pm till 6:30pm. It will be a drive thru. Please purchase tickets ahead of time from Merna Edison or call the office to reserve. Tickets are \$10



Worship service on June 19th will be at Rev.Cheryl's farm! It will be a combined service with Kerwood United and everyone is asked to bring a brown bag

luncheon and drink to enjoy after the service! Please let the office know if you require a ride to the service.