

Northern Lights
A Centennial Worship Service for the Wider Church
The United Church of Canada

Thought to ponder: *Enter these gates with Thanksgiving.*

Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Prelude: featuring Megan Brennan

Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Acknowledgement of the Territories:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

St. Paul's Erin, Kit, Sybil and Joni Johnson

Call to the Church:

Noah Gibbons-Salib Acts 2:14–18, paraphrased

Call to Worship: Leslie Anthony

One: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place... Today, we gather in many places and ways, yet we are one in heart! Touched by the Spirit, the first disciples were enlivened.

All: By the Spirit, we live and thrive!

One: On the day of Pentecost, the Church was born.

All: Today, we celebrate 100 years of being the United Church!

One: In their gathering that day, people were changed by the Spirit.

All: In our gathering today, we seek the Spirit's direction for tomorrow.

One: With open hearts, let us worship God and pray for the Spirit's presence amongst us.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Opening Prayer: Leslie Anthony

Awesome God, on Pentecost, you gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to an expectant and united church. And by your Spirit, you bring us to this time and place to lift our hearts, minds, and bodies to worship you. Grant us the hope of the same Spirit in our life and worship. Help us to expect great things from you, and attempt great things *for you*! We are diverse in many ways, but our hearts are one in you. May we show the world the love we experience in Jesus, and the power we find in the Spirit as we seek to honour your dream. To your glory be our worship and witness. Amen.

Hymn: VU #380

She Comes Sailing On the Wind
She comes sailing on the wind,
Her wings flashing in the sun,
On a journey just begun,
She flies on.

**And in the passage of her flight,
Her song rings out through the night,
Full of laughter, full of light,
She flies on.**

Silent waters rocking
on the morning of our birth,
Like an empty cradle waiting to be filled,
And from the heart of God
the Spirit moved upon the earth,
Like a mother breathing life into her child.
Many were the dreamers
whose eyes were given sight
When the Spirit filled their dreams
with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens,
broken hearts found new delight,
And then down the age still she flew on.

Refrain

To a gentle girl in Galilee,
a gentle breeze she came,
A whisper softly calling in the dark,
The promise of a child of peace
whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.
Flying to the river, she waited circling high
Above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water,
she swept down from the sky,
And she carried him away in her embrace.

Refrain

Long after the deep darkness
that fell upon the world,

After dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
The Spirit touched the earth again,
again her wings unfurled,
Bringing life in the wind and fire
as she flew on.

Refrain.

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Words of Welcome: Jenn

Prayer for Reflection and Celebration:

Lorraine Pollock

Hymn: VU#238 How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder
Consider all
the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed.
**Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art!
How great thou art!**
**Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art!
How great thou art!**
When through the woods
and forest glades I wander,

I hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain

But when I think that God,
his son not sparing,
Sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
in humble adoration
And there proclaim,
'My God, how great thou art!'

Refrain

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Time for All Ages: Happy Birthday UCC

Lisa Folkins

**Ministry of Music: Mungu ni Mwema
(God Is So Good)**

Claire Turner and Megan Brennan

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Prayer of Illumination- Gord Phippen**Scripture****Ephesians 1:15–19, 3:16-21**

(Bruce Mercer and Chris Ayers)

Choir Anthem:

"Back to the Church in the Wildwood" * Stay Seated

Take me back**to the church in the wildwood,****where the folks****make me feel so at home.****How I love going back to my childhood****Where we'd sing all the old, old songs.****It was there where I first met Jesus.****It was there where I knew I belonged.****How I love going back****to the old, old church****Where we'd sing all the old, old songs.****What a fellowship, what a joy divine****Leaning on the everlasting arms.****What a blessedness,****what a peace is mine,****Leaning on the everlasting arms.****In the sweet by and by,****We shall meet on that beautiful shore.****In the sweet by and by****We shall meet on that beautiful shore.**

**Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod.
With it's crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God----Yes,
We'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, beautiful river.
Gather with the Saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

**There's a church
in the valley by the wildwood,
No lov-lier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.
O come, come, come, come,
Come to the church in the wildwood,
O come to the church in the dale.
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.**

**It was there where I first met Jesus.
It was there where I knew I belonged.
How I love going back
to the old, old church,
Where we'd sing all the old, old songs,
Where we'd sing all the old, old, songs.
(sing the old, old songs)**

Why the United Church?

Tom Barn, Steve Harding, Samantha Corcoran

Invitation to Offering: Jenn

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A New Creed: VU #918

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new
who works in us and others
by the Spirit**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death,
in life beyond death,**

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Dedication

**Empowering God, we believe your
Spirit is with us this day, leading us
into a new future. We offer our time,
talents, finances, and hopes, trusting
you to do more than we can dream
possible. Bless us and these offerings**

**with your Spirit. May we be bold disciples,
deeply connected to you, who dare to act for
justice. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Communion Hymn: MV#198

When We gather at the Table

**When we gather at the table
Wine is poured and bread is broken.
Then love claims us, offering healing
We hear welcome, gently spoken.**

**Jesus offers our thanksgiving
Blessing God for life we're given.
From the earth comes grain to feed us
Watered by the rains of heaven.**

**Word of promise claims attention
Earth renewed by God's designing.
All the creatures join in praises
God's intended wholeness finding.**

**Come, invited, now draw nearer,
Join this holy celebration.
Here be strengthened,
called to justice,
Living now God's new creation.**

**Christ, your coming and your hosting
Gives us place at widening table
Now embracing world and neighbor
Spirit strong, by love enabled.**

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Sacrament of Communion: Leslie and Jenn**Invitation:**

On Pentecost, ... share in this sacrament of Communion.

One: God is with us.

All: We are not alone.

One: Christ is present here.

All: The Spirit is among us!

One: Let us give thanks to God

All: in memory and in hope.

Great Thanksgiving:

One: Blessed are you, Gracious God,... They proclaimed your goodness in every language, saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

One: Living in the Spirit's ways ... proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

One: Pour out your Spirit ... On this Pentecost day, we pray: Come, Holy Spirit!

All: Come, Holy Spirit! Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

Distribution of the Elements:**Hymn: VU #467 One Bread One Body**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Refrain

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Hymn: VU #466**Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
Trust in me and you will not thirst.**

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Prayer after Communion:

**In your grace and by your Spirit we
have been fed at this table, brought
into communion with you and each
other. May this banquet so inspire us
to love as we have been loved, feed as
we have been fed, and to welcome all
as Christ has welcomed us. In this
way, we will witness your reign on
earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Prayer for the Church:

Shirley Keith, Steve Harding, Tracey Reynolds

Hymn: How Great is Our God

The splendour of the King,
clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice,
trembles at his voice.

**How great is our God, Sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great, is our God.**

And age to age He stands,
and time is in his hands,
Beginning and the end,
beginning and the end.
The God head, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The lion and the lamb,
the lion and the lamb.

**How great is our God, Sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great, is our God.**

Name above all names, worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing, how great is our God.
Name above all names, worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing, how great is our God.

**How great is our God, Sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great, is our God.**

**How great is our God, Sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great, is our God.**

**How great is our God, Sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great, is our God.**

Chris Tomlin
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Benediction:

One: Beloved, ... in Christ's name, through whom all things are possible.

All: Praise be to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine! Glory be to God, in the Church, and in Christ Jesus, from generation to generation. Amen!

Sung Benediction: My Peace

**My peace I give unto you.
It's a peace that the world
cannot give.**

**It's a peace that the world
cannot understand.**

**Peace to know, Peace to live.
My peace I give unto you.**

**My love I give unto you.
It's a love that the world cannot give.
It's a love that the world
cannot understand.
Love to know, Love to live.
My love I give unto you.**

Postlude



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Announcements

**June 8th, 2025 Anniversary Sunday,
Pentecost**

**A memorial donation was received in loving
memory of Clifford Floyd from Carol.
Memorial donations in remembrance of
Harley Hunt were received from Cheryl and
Robin Hughes, Circle of Friendship, Judy
Stockdale Dow, and Vera Turner.**

**Reader for this week: many people this week
Reader for next week: Erin**

**Greeter this week: Cheryl and Shirley D.
Greeter next week: Eunice**

**Tellers this week: John and Muriel
Tellers next week: Paul and**

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A/V this week: Al

A/V next week: Lisa

Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom
10:00 Anniversary Sunday Service
with guest congregations joining us; followed by a
time of fellowship in the hall for all.

Wednesday 6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 12:00 St. Paul's Ladies at ASI

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom
10:00 Sunday Service celebrate our
grads! Cupcakes and lemonade on the lawn after
the service

June 22 service: Confirmation and joining the
church this Sunday with cake afterwards!

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have
some good news you want shared with the
congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If
there is someone you think should have a card
from the caring corner for whatever reason, please
see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or
on the table in the entryway. If you are using them
for the first time, be sure to have your name and
address on the first one so we can get you your tax
receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards. As well, cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

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