



The United Church of Canada  
L'Église Unie du Canada

# St. Andrew's United Church



May 19, 2024.

Pentecost Sunday

## ***Our Mission Statement:***

*“St. Andrew’s United Church is a Christian community of faith that shares Christ’s love through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and outreach.”*



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# Sunday Worship Service

(May 19, 2024. Pentecost Sunday)

**Worship Leader:** Daniel Szemok, LLWL  
**Organist & Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon  
**Greeters:** Jeanne Breau & Marilyn McGerrigle

**\*Indicates to stand as you are able**

## We Gather To Worship

### Music Prelude:

**Introit:** *Choir* – VU #396, vs. 1 “Jesus Stand Among Us”

**Lightning the Christ Candle:** *Bev Campbell*

Jesus is the light of the world!

Remembering his promise that when two or three are gathered in his name, he will be there, we light this candle to welcome the presence of the risen Christ here with us today.

**We light this candle remembering a time when the Spirit came down like flames of fire, praying that we, too, may be warmed, inspired, and ignited by the dancing flames of the Spirit working in us in this time of worship, and all the days of our lives. (candle is lit)**

**Sing:** VU # 376 vs. 1

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

### Welcome

**\*Call to Worship (bolded sections only)**

How can one person be three? Who can understand the mystery of the Trinity?

**Some things are hidden, some things we will not understand on this side of eternity, but we are called to seek, to ask, to knock and discover who our creator is.**

What is the truth that the Holy Spirit testifies about? What is the secret that the Spirit of God guides us to realize?

**The Spirit of God testifies about the son, who came not to judge but to bring life and to restore our relationship with God. In Jesus name. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** VU # 195, “On Pentecost They Gathered”

**Opening Prayer:** (unison)

**Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor, help us to never take for granted the amazing process by which sounds are registered on our eardrums and carried through the audio never of the cerebral cortex. By this amazing process sounds are translated into thoughts or recognition, comprehension, and response. Through this wonderful gift we can hear the spring songs of birds returned, majestic music of a sonata, a loved one’s words of hope, and the truths of your own Word in the Bible. But most importantly, you have given me a listening heart to hear what you say to me through the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(Prayer based on the work of Lloyd John Ogilvie)

**Children’s Time**

**\*Hymn:** VU #377, “Holy Spirit Hear Us”

*(Children leave for Sunday school after hymn)*

### **The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Ministry of Music:** “O, A Song Must Rise”

**Message:** *Meaningful Questions Pentecost*

**Pastoral Prayer:**

### **We Respond to God’s Word**

**Announcements:** *Debbie Stymiast*

**Prayers of the People:** *Liz Mullin*

## **Invitation to the Offering:**

**\*Offering Hymn:** *(tune: Michael Row the Boat)*

**Spirit, be our breath of life, Alleluia,**

**Spirit be our breath of life, Alleluia.**

**Spirit, be our wind of change, Alleluia (x2)**

**Spirit, be our fire that warms, Alleluia (x2)**

**Spirit, come and fill your church, Alleluia (x2)**

**\*Offering Prayer: (Together)**

**Dear Lord, we give back to you in thankfulness what you have given to us in kindness. We acknowledge that the world and its resources are not ours but yours, and that you have put us in charge as your trustees. Help us to exercise responsibility with the authority You have given us over your amazing world.**

**Let Jesus, your Son be the pattern for all our actions and conduct with one another, and with the rest of creation.**

**Bless these gifts we now present back to you, so that they may be used in the work of your kingdom. Amen.**

## **WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\*Closing Hymn:** VU # 378, "Spirit of God"

**\* Commissioning and Benediction:**

**\*Choral Closing: (Choir) #209, vs. 2 "Fire of God Undying Flame"**

## **Musical Postlude**



## Announcements

**Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Bill & Lenora Hilchey on their 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

### **Memorials:**

In loving memory of **Lorraine Moller**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from husband, John Moller.

In loving memory of **Evelyn Butcher**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Ernie & Ferne MacLean.

### **Honourariums:**

In honour of **Freda Gorbett's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Linda Stewart and Family.

In honour of **John Moller**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Ernie & Ferne MacLean.

### **Worship:**

**1. Welcome everyone who is worshipping today with us.**

### **2. The Season of Pentecost**

Red is the primary colour and a warm colour. It symbolizes fire, spirit, energy, passion, strength, power intensity, courage and determination. It draws to mind the flames dancing over the disciples and friends of Jesus-gathered in the upper room on the day of Pentecost.

### **3. Worship Volunteers:**

- **Greeters: May 26** – Ann Brown & Ron Carter
- **Sound System: May 19** – Barry Campbell/**May 26** – Ernie MacLean
- **PowerPoint: May 19** – Jennifer Walker/**May 26** – Nathan Robichaud

**-Offering Collectors: May 19** – Dennis & Judy Morrison, Cynthia Duplessie, Jeanne Breau  
**May 26** -

• **Offering Counters: May 19** – Dennis & Judy Morrison/**May 26** – Betty MacDiarmid & Cynthia Duplessie

**4. Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 642.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,287.23</u>
<b>Total for Week of May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 1,993.23</b>

**Regional & General Council News:**

**1. Regional Council Annual Meeting:**

Regional Council Meeting are taking place in PEI from Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> till Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**This Week:**

**1. Church Office hours:**

Monday – Closed; Tuesday thru Friday 9-4

**2. Everyone is invited to join together downstairs** for a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon with assorted cookies for dessert in St. Luke's Hall. A free will offering will be taken.

**3. Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 p.m.** – Property & Financial Management Team Meeting

**4. Bible Study:**

A bible study and discussion group “Rethinking God and Creation” will start Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. For more information please contact Jennifer Walker 506-622-4176 or email [Jennifer.walker286@yahoo.com](mailto:Jennifer.walker286@yahoo.com)

**4. The St. Andrew's United Breakfast group** is having their next breakfast gathering at the Portage Restaurant on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. **Please note the time is 10 AM.** Hope to see you there.

**Upcoming Week:**

**1. Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> –** Sacrament of Communion with Wendell Gregan, DLM  
- Birthday Box for WDR

**2. Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.** – Church Council meeting

**3. Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 p.m.** – General UCW meeting

**4. People are reminded** to bring in non-perishable food items for the Food Bank on the first Sunday of the month.

**5. The Property & Financial Management Team** are looking for volunteers to help with the trimming of church grounds over the summer months. If you are able to please let Karen in the church office know. Once a list is compiled a duty roster will be drawn up for the summer months.

**Fundraising:**

**1. Tickets are on sale for our Gift Card Baskets Fundraiser.**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$1200 in gift cards; 2<sup>nd</sup> price \$300 in gift cards; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$200 in gift cards. Tickets are 3/\$5; 7/\$10; 15/\$20. Tickets can be picked up from the church office to sell or purchase.

**Community Events:**

**1. CGIT Alumni** will be meeting on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at Riverside Entertainment for their annual monthly gathering.

**2. James M. Hill High School presents “High School Musical” live on stage.** Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$20 and are on sale at Creative Grounds and Mill Cove, tickets at the door at \$25.

**Pastoral Care:**

Rev Alice Szemok will cover for any pastoral care during this time. If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 506-773-9932, and Karen will arrange it or on her cell at 506-626-4162.



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