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ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 4, 2017
Pentecost Day – Year A
[Service of Holy Communion]
Noon Lunch

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

As we gather for worship today we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 Territory. We honour the Cree and Métis people for whom this place has been a homeland for thousands of years. We respect the sacredness of our home and the ground on which we walk and we are grateful to gather here in peace and hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNIVERSARIES & CONCERNS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray – Spirit of the Living God, visit us again this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

On rushing winds that sweep away all barriers,

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With speech that unites the babel of our tongues,

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race
and nation,

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

In the name of God the Holy One, and of Jesus
Christ our Saviour.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

HYMN (MV 150): *“Spirit of God, be our breath”*

OPENING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

**Transform us, Living God,
transform us as individuals and transform
us as a faith community.**

**Transform our fear to confidence, our
apathy to commitment.**

**Transform our anxiety to peace, our doubt
to hope.**

**Transform our self-concern to caring action
for others, our “care-less-ness” to compassion
and a strong desire for justice.**

**We will take our courage from the attitude
of Jesus. We will be resurrected by those
who follow the Jesus Way. Amen.**

*[Written by David Sparks. Pentecost 1, 2017
Gathering, page 24].*

HYMN (VU 375): *“Spirit, Spirit of gentleness”*

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE: *(in unison)*

We snuggle into your welcoming embrace, O God,
seeking healing wholeness in confession.

We admit it, O God.

**We're scared, wanting to squirrel ourselves into safe,
predictable places.**

We're unwilling – unable, at times – to trust you.

**“Change happens,” we nod sagely, “but only if
we can control it, okay?”**

**Then your Spirit breathes where it wills –
uncontrollable by the very nature. We turtle and try to
protect what we have, even as we are blown in new
directions.**

Will we ever learn to trust in faith?

Can we ever learn to trust in you?

[A time of silent reflection]. Amen.

*[Written by Gord Dunbar. Pentecost 1.2017 Year A
Gathering, page 24. Used with permission].*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

We thank you, O God, that you stand ready to bring
renewal through the power of your Holy Spirit.

**We believe you will grant us new insights, fresh
resolve, and the peace that passes all
understanding.**

The peace of God is yours.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 95): *“How deep the
peace”*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“I Thank My God for You. – J.
Martin*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:

HYMN (VU 382): *"Breathe on me, breath of God"*

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b (VU p.826, Part Two):
God's Spirit brings life and renewal.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 2:1-21:

The Holy Spirit comes in wind and flame.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13:

One Spirit, many gifts.

SERMON:

OUR RESPONSE

OFFERING:

OFFERTORY HYMN (MV 191): *"What can I do?"*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(in unison)*

We bring a variety of gifts to the table, O God, gifts that we have received from you by your grace. Take all we offer – our money, our time, our talents, our dreams, our hands, our hearts – and use them to make your Spirit's presence felt in the entire world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN (MV 202) - "Bread for the journey"

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. At the beginning of time, your Spirit moved upon the waters of chaos as you called forth land and sea, mountain and valley, desert and tundra, jungle and grassy plain.

Your Spirit went before Moses and the Hebrew children, a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, leading them through the wilderness. Your Spirit roused the hearts of the prophets who proclaimed your judgment upon the nations and called for repentance among your people.

For these mighty acts of your Holy Spirit, we praise your name and join in the eternal hymn of all the angels and saints who sang:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, indeed, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son.

By your Spirit you anointed him to bring good news to the poor and to proclaim release to the captives.

By your Spirit, Jesus confronted the demons of oppression.

In your Spirit he rejoiced as his disciples did great work in his name. At his death on the cross Jesus yielded up his spirit to you, and by the Holy Spirit you raised him from the dead.

This same enlightening, empowering, enlivening Spirit Jesus promised to all who keep his commandment to love as he has loved.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

When the supper was over, he took the cup and gave thanks, saying, Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore, in remembrance of the mighty acts and blessed promises of Jesus, we offer ourselves to you in union with his offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, gathered here out of love for you, and on this bread and wine. Let the bread we break be true fellowship in the body of Christ. Let the cup we share be a true participation in the new covenant in his blood. By your Spirit manifest in us the power of your redeeming love that we may be Christ for the world, serving in his name.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF JESUS:

With Jesus, we pray together, saying:

BREAKING THE BREAD AND FILLING THE CUP:

In breaking this bread, we remember all who this day will have no bread, all who are without shelter, all burdened by loneliness and fear. We pray for the day when all people will find on this earth a generous home. In the breaking of this bread, we remember the brokenness within ourselves. We pray for the day when we shall, each one, enter fully into the wholeness of Jesus Christ.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP (DISTRIBUTION):

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are now ready.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: *“the Bread of Life,” & “the Cup of Blessing.”*

COMMUNION ANTHEM: *"Sent forth by God's Blessing"*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Eternal and gracious One, though we live in
a world of need,

**here we have tasted your goodness and
hungered for a world more just.**

Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

**here we have heard your call to be
a people of healing community.**

Though daily we touch our limits,
here we have received the fullness of your grace.

Send us forth, O God,
in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

HYMN (VU 625): *"I feel the winds of God"*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

Receive the gift of the Spirit of God –
that amazing gift that is present in our midst
and at the same time just beyond description,

just outside our full comprehension,
let that Spirit renew your life, and take that
Spirit into a world that hungers and thirsts
for a new awareness of God's presence.

Know that the rivers of living water that flow
from deep within the Christ flow and
refresh our thirsty world.

May the peace of God go with you. **Amen.**

CHORAL BLESSING: *"My Peace"* – K. Routledge

Prayer Resources:

Seasons of the Spirit – Seasons FUSION Lent-Easter 2017; Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1 Advent through Pentecost; Celebrate God's Presence, 2000; Worship for All Seasons II Selections from Gathering – Year A and the United Church of Canada Pentecost. 1 2017 Year A Gathering Resources for Worship Planners. Used with permission.

Next Week's (Sunday, June 11, 2017) Readings:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a;

Psalm 8;

2 Corinthians 13:11-13;

Matthew 28:16-20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you all to worship, especially our visitors or guests. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please remember to sign our guestbook at the entrance of the church.

Please stay back for a cup of coffee and conversation at the CE Centre immediately following the service.

THIS WEEK AT MELFORT UNITED CHURCH

Church Office Closed - Tuesday June 6th to Thursday June 8th

Tuesday, June 6

@ 7 pm – Women Alive

Wednesday, June 7th

@ 4:40 – Worship Committee Meeting

@ 7 pm – Choir

Thursday, June 8th

- @ 10:30am – Bible Study
- @ 12 pm – Ministerial
- @ 4:15 pm – Bell Choir

Friday, June 9th

- @ 10 am – Pastoral Care

Let the Church Music Serenade You into Summer

June 11th – Who Will Teach the Children? – A. Page

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed from May 23rd until June 8th for holidays and will reopen on Tuesday, June 13th.

Summer Newsletter

The Summer newsletter will be coming out soon. All people wishing to contribute to the newsletter are asked to get their submissions in by 9am on Tuesday, June 13th. Submissions can be dropped off at the church office or emailed to melfortuc@sasktel.net.

FundScrip for May & June

The next FundScrip deadline is Thursday, June 22nd.

Stewardship Second

Pentecost reminds us of the gift at the centre of our lives as we steward holy Energy!