

# St. James United Church

United in Faith

Strengthened by Friendship  
Building a Community  
of Love and Justice



May 19, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

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▲ Rise in body or in spirit/ Responses in bold

Gathering Music

▲ Opening Celebration Song – Come, O Holy Spirit

Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire;  
strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire.  
Burn away the structures and  
consume the sham of our holy systems:  
Come, in Jesus' name!

Come, come, come,  
in Jesus' name!  
Take our hearts by storm.  
All the world lies open  
Pentecost is now!

I said a - come, come, come,  
in Jesus' name!  
Take our hearts by storm.  
All the world lies open  
Pentecost is now!

Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past.  
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.  
Wind of change, refresh us and disturb our calm;  
teach us what true love is,  
take our hearts by storm.

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in Jesus' name!  
Take our hearts by storm.  
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in Jesus' name!  
Take our hearts by storm.  
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Free us from the babble of our Babel mind;  
spark in us a language all can understand.

Lighten then our darkness,  
Come and show us how all the world lies open:  
Pentecost is now!

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Welcome & Introductions

Theme Conversation & Acknowledging the Territory

## CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

Call to Worship

As the winds of Pentecost blow through our hearts,  
Awaken us, O Spirit, to the wonders of your presence.

As tongues of fire dance above our heads,  
Ignite within us a passion for justice and truth.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**  
**Fill us with your power and love,**  
**Renew our spirits and guide our ways.**

In this sacred moment of Pentecost,  
Let us open our hearts to receive the gifts of the Spirit.  
Let us be bold in our faith, fearless in our witness,  
And enthusiastic in our pursuit of peace and reconciliation.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**  
**Empower us to be agents of healing,**  
**and instruments of your grace in the world.**

As we gather in unity and diversity,  
May the Spirit bind us together in love.  
May our worship be a symphony of voices,  
Singing praises to the One who unites us all.  
**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**  
**Transform us, renew us, and enliven us!**

▲Hymn – On Pentecost They Gathered # 195

Opening Prayer (Together)

**As we gather together on this day of Pentecost,  
we come with hearts open to receive  
the outpouring of your Holy Spirit.  
Just as you descended upon the disciples  
in tongues of fire,  
ignite within us a passion for your truth  
and a fervent desire  
to share your love with the world.**

**On this day, when the Church was born anew,  
we pray for a fresh anointing of your Spirit upon us.  
May your presence fill this place,  
illuminating our minds with wisdom,  
our hearts with compassion,  
and our souls with courage.**

**Empower us, O God,  
to be your witnesses in a world  
hungry for hope and longing for peace.  
Grant us the boldness to speak your truth with love,  
to serve others with humility,  
and to embrace all people as our siblings.**

***Silent Prayer...***

**We turn to you, knowing that you understand us,  
forgive us, and love us like a Mother  
and so we SING with confidence and faith,  
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 them 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**

## **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

Ministry of Music – Canon for Pentecost

A Time of Wondering

An Ancient Word – Acts 2: 1-21

Reflection

Languages of Love: Celebrating Diversity on Pentecost

Reflective Music

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

▲Deep in Our Hearts

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

▲A New Creed – Page # 918 (Together)

Moderator's Pentecost Message

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

## **THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD**

▲Hymn – Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness # 375

▲Commissioning & Blessing

Song of Dismissal – Go Make a Diff'rence x 3

**Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence  
Go make a diff'rence in the world  
Go make a diff'rence we can make a diff'rence  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

*Cover Illustration, Call to Worship, Opening Prayer  
– Rev. Catherine MacDonald*

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## **WELCOME!**

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