

St. Andrew's United Church

188 Wellington Street

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June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

Service of Confirmation and Transfer of Membership

Order of Service

*indicates to stand as you are able

We Gather to Worship

Musical Prelude

Greeting/Opening Words

*Introit: (tune: Michael Row the Boat)

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

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

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

*Call to Worship: led by Benjamin Allen

Spirit of life

Fill our emptiness with your fullness.

Spirit of power

Stir our hearts afresh.

Spirit of love

Touch us, and through us, our neighbour.

Spirit of Creativity

Enable and empower the gifts you have given us.

Spirit of Eternity

Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom.

Lighting of the Christ Candle: (seated) – led by Julia Campbell

One: As we gather today, we celebrate the Spirit of God that blows on us like Holy Wind.

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All: We light the Christ candle, remembering the fire of God which brings energy and life.

One: We feel the Spirit's presence,

All: as we worship in the warmth of companionship in Jesus.

Candle is lit as we sing:

Light up the candle every day,

Jesus be with us here as we pray.

Opening Prayer:

Breath of Life, on this Pentecost Sunday, we ask that you breathe on us once again. May the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength.

We hunger for the life-changing power that your Holy Spirit brings. May our lives show forth the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May we use the gifts of the Spirit that you have distributed to bless the church and build your Kingdom on earth. Amen.

Hymn: #375, Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (verses 1,2,3)

congregation may remain seated)

Welcome & Announcements of the Life & Work of the Church

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (sung - #377, vs.2)

Holy Spirit, shine now on the book we read;

Light its holy pages with the truth we need.

N.T. Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 (selected verses) – Rev. Charlene & Frances Blakely

*Responsive Reading - Psalm 104, Part 2, p. 827, Refrain 2

– led by Jayme Campbell

Gospel: John 14:15-20, 25-26

Story of the Pentecost Balloon

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Hymn: #156, MV, Dance With the Spirit (x2)

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Move with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

We Respond to the Word

Call to Prayer: #156, MV

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Prayers of Intercession: *led by Nathan Robichaud*

Loving God, we ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit to help us pray as we ought.

Holy Spirit, help us.

We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit
**for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and
oppression; for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and
hunger.**

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit
**for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain; for
those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.**

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit
**for those living in the shadow of war and violence; for those eaten
up by guilt and anxiety and those for whom life has become hard
and dry.**

We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit
**for those uncertain of how to use their time, talents and gifts;
for those tempted to do what is wrong.**

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit
**for those reaching out to comfort the distressed; for those
reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.**

Loving God, we ask for the assurance of your Spirit
**to know your presence with us in our daily lives, in our
relationships, in our work and service, in our worship,
in our times of joy and pain.**

Holy Spirit, help us. Amen.

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Sung Response: (*p. 865 VU*)

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

Confirmation and Recognition of Transfer of Membership

Confirmation: *Benjamin Allen, Julia Campbell, Nathan Robichaud*

Transfer of Membership: *Laurie McFarlane*

Introduction

Presentation of the Candidates – *Wayne Mullin*

Profession of Faith

Congregational Support: *led by Cynthia Duplessie*

L: Let us pledge to these persons our continued support and care, in the words printed in your bulletin or on the screen.

All: We will continue to support you and walk with you. With God's help we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

*Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed, #918VU

Choir Anthem: "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"

Act of Confirmation

Reception through Membership Transfer

Presentation of Certificates and Welcome

Prayer: *led by Wayne Mullin*

Offering

Offertory Choral Response: #191, MV

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy, I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love, I'll do my share.

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*Offertory Prayer:

Pentecost God, take our hearts and set them on fire.

Take our lives and transform them. Take our church and resurrect it with your life-giving Spirit. Take our gifts and use them for the fulfillment of your vision of peace and unity. Amen.

5.

Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn: "Church of God"

Church of God, hear his holy word!

Gather round the table of the Lord!

This his body, this his blood,

and we'll sing a song of love:

Allelu, allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!

**Brothers, sisters, we are one, and our life has just begun;
in the Spirit we are young, we can live forever. *Chorus***

**Shout together to the Lord who has promised our reward –
happiness a hundredfold; and we'll live forever. *Chorus***

**Make the world a unity, make us all one family
joining with the Trinity to live with them forever. *Chorus***

Communion Prayer:

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

On this Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the Divine Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness.

We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all.

We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Reign of God.

As we gather at this table, we recognise Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence.

God, we come knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and love.

We come knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting arms. We come ready to meet with you, and be changed by the encounter.

We remember how Jesus, on the eve of his crucifixion, gathered his friends for a meal. During supper, he took bread, and gave thanks for it. Then he broke it and passed it among them with these words:

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This is my body which is broken for you. Take, eat and remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it. Then he passed it among them with these words:

This is my blood which is shed for you. Take, drink and remember me.

So now, we eat and we drink, and we remember Jesus and the Divine Love he showed us.

Spirit, as we share this bread and wine, let it be a sharing in Christ's body and blood, Christ's life and presence; and may we embody your life, love, and presence in our homes and community.

Now, as Jesus taught us, we pray together:

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Breaking of the Bread & Blessing of the Cup

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion:

Thank you, Divine Spirit, for this meal of remembrance, and for coming to us as we have shared it.

May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives; may the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers; and may the Spirit who fills us again at this table lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign in every word we speak and in everything we do. Amen.

*Hymn: #575, I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Commissioning & Benediction:

Breath of the Spirit, you give us life!

Flames of the Spirit, you fuel our lives!

Love of the Spirit, you lead us on!

You give our steps direction and our mission passion.

Go to be God's people in the world! May the love of God surround you, the peace of Christ uphold you, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit go with you!

Amen.

Choral Closing: (*tune: Michael Row the Boat*)
Spirit, be our breath of life, Alleluia,
Spirit be our breath of life, Alleluia.
Spirit, send us forth in love, Alleluia,
Spirit, send us forth in love, Alleluia.

Musical Postlude

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of my very special cousin, Paul Sweezey who would have celebrated his birthday on Friday, June 13th from Helen MacLennan Steeves.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to John Bosma and Family on the death of John's sister, Tineke (Bosma) Goodfellow.

Memorials

In loving memory of **Nicholas (Nick) Lynch**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Murray Baillie.

In loving memory of **Gloria Sanford**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Helen, Ed, Alison Jones and Family.

In loving memory of **Donna Kervin**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Jim & Peggy Moar, Marjorie Cassidy.

In loving memory of **Tyler & Marg Dealy**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Donald, Jayme, Julia & Maya Campbell.

Honourariums

In honour of **The Search Team**, a donation to Local Funds has been received for all their hard work and dedication to St. Andrew's United Church.

In honour of **Bill & Lenora Hilchey's 65th Wedding Anniversary**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from John & Margaret Glidden.

In honour of **Eleanor Fraser's 86th Birthday**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from John & Margaret Glidden.

Greeters: June 5 – Maya & Julia Campbell/**June 12** – Marjorie MacPhee & Reese Godfrey/**June 19** – Bill & Spencer MacFarlane/**June 26** – Donna & Isabel Gallan

Sound System: June 5 – Brian Savoy/**June 12** – Don Bowman/**June 19** – Barry Campbell/**June 26** – Brian Savoy

Power Point: June 5 – Karen Rose/**June 12** – Juanita Hamilton/**June 19** – Debbie Benson/**June 26** – Barry Campbell

Offering Counters: June 5 – Karen Rose, Marjorie Cassidy/**June 12** – Karen Rose, Juanita Hamilton/**June 19** – Judy & Dennis Morrison/**June 26** – Brian Savoy, Don Bowman

Garbage & Recycle: June 5 – Dennis Morrison (R)/**June 12** – Barry Campbell (G)/**June 19** – Ernie MacLean (R)/**June 26** – Brian Adams (G)

This Week:

Sunday, June 5th – *Confirmation & Transfer of Membership*
 - *Sacrament of Communion*

Tuesday, June 7th – 1:30 p.m. – *Faith & Spiritual Development Meeting*

Saturday, June 11th - 2:00 – 4:00 – *Retirement Party for Rev. Charlene. A time for the congregation to enjoy fellowship and laughter with Rev. Charlene.*

Upcoming Week:

Sunday, June 12th – *Covenanting with Church Council & new Team Members; Presentation of UCW Life Membership Pins*

Chicken Salad Cold Plate will be held on Wednesday, June 15th from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. here at St. Andrew's.

(Take out only, with 100 tickets being sold)

This will include chicken salad, potato salad, pasta salad, coleslaw, cranberries, homemade tea biscuit and your choice of Rhubarb Crisp or Hawaiian Cake. Tickets are on sale for \$15 a person by calling Karen at the church office.

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Graduate Recognition will be held on Sunday, June 19th at 11 am service. If you have a child or grandchild graduating from High School/College/University this year please forward a photo and a short write-up to the church office no later than June 14th.

Church Council News

- Church Council met on May 25, 2022
- Covid Protocol – Wearing of masks in the church is optional, but strongly recommended particularly when entering and leaving the sanctuary. Masks and hand sanitizers will continue to be available.
- The worship schedule has been finalized for the summer months.
- Jayme (Sobey) Campbell will make a video regarding “What the Church Means to You” and she is hoping this will encourage greater appreciation and support.
- \$1605.00 was raised at a special ecumenical worship service and donated to the Red Cross for Ukraine Relief.
- Graduation recognition will be held on June 19th.
- Ministry & Personnel Team will be meeting to go over policies up for review and they will participate in a zoom meeting on Saturday, May 28th concerning duties of the Ministry and Personnel Team.
- UCW - All units have joined together, meeting as one UCW Unit now have 68 members and are always ready to welcome new members. UCW oversaw the clothing sale and it realized a profit of \$3,301.00 given to the churches general operating fund.
- Four UCW members will receive Life Membership Pins.
- Debbie reported that at the upcoming yard sale the UCW will look after the canteen and the bake sale.

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- Barry Campbell reported that the church grounds and John Street Cemetery grounds have been all cleaned up.
- No word on the summer student application.
- It was noted that there will be no recordings of the worship services during July and August.
- Harvest House meeting with Pastor Ray Arsenault and Michelle Conroy was well attended with approximately 25 in attendance.
- The third Sunday of October (which this year is October 16, 2022) will be known as “Stewardship Sunday” and the service will be conducted by the Living the Way-Stewardship Team.
- The Stewardship Team have been in contact with Ryan Power of Nelson about him building our new webpage as the other avenue fell through. He was very pleased to be considered and was set to start work on it soon. More information will follow regarding this.