



**TRINITY ST. PAUL'S**   
UNITED CHURCH  
FAITH JUSTICE ARTS

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 10:30 am  
*Pentecost Sunday*

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*"The Spirit gathers us from many places and breathes us into one body of hope."*

**Prelude:** *Improvisation I* (Trumpet: John MacLeod, Guitar: Daniel Moore)

### **Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory**

Janet Mairs

As we gather for worship at Trinity–St. Paul's United Church... we recognize that the Spirit has long been present on this land, moving through rivers and trees, stories and ceremonies, generations and communities.

**May this acknowledgement call us not only to remembrance, but to right relationship, justice, humility, and shared care for creation.**

### **Lighting of the Christ, Spirit, and Community Candles**

Today we light the Christ candle...

We light the Community candle... *(candles are lit)*

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew and unite us.**

### **Words of Welcome**

### **Life and Works of the Congregation**

### **Gathering Words:**

The Spirit moves among us with wind and fire.

**We open our hearts to God's renewing presence.**

The Spirit speaks through many voices, languages, and cultures.

**We celebrate the diverse body of Christ in love and hope.**

The Spirit renews the face of the earth.

**We come to worship God with joy.**

*Hymn: VU 194 Filled With The Spirit's Power*

- 1 Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord  
the infant church confessed its risen Christ.  
O Holy Spirit, in the church today  
no less your power of fellowship display.**
- 2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,  
that unity may be our great desire.  
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,  
and readiness in each to work for all.**
- 3 Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace  
with your compassion all the human race.  
Like wind and fire with life among us move,  
till we are known as Christ's, and Christian prove.**

**Prayers of Confession and Transformation**

*Silent Reflection*

**Words of Life & Passing of the Peace:**

The Spirit is poured out on all flesh.

Old divisions no longer define us;

fear no longer has the final word.

**In Christ, we are invited into a new community**

**where every voice matters**

**and every person bears the image of God.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace in person or online, with a word, a gesture, or a quiet blessing.)*

**Anthem:** *Holy, Holy, Spiritual*, arr. by Alice Parker (Trumpet: John MacLeod, Guitar: Daniel Moore, Drum: Adam Mason)

## **WE GROW IN FAITH**

*“The Spirit speaks through many voices, teaching us to listen, learn, and live together in love.”*

### **Introduction to the Scripture**

Giorelle Diokno

**Scripture:** Acts 2:1-12, 17-21 (Tagalog first, then in English from the Inclusive Bible)

Herein is wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** MV 13 *O Let The Power* (v. 1)

**1**    **O let the power fall on me, my God, let the power fall on me;  
O let the power from heaven fall on me, let the power fall on me.**

**Sermon:** *“Pentecost Voices on Fire: Creative Intercultural Engagement!”*

*Silent Reflection*

## **WE GIVE & PRAY**

*“The Spirit gathers our gifts and prayers into God’s work of renewal and hope.”*

### **Offering Invitation:**

Pentecost reminds us that every gift matters in the life of the community. Just as the Spirit was poured out freely upon all people, we are invited to share freely from what we have received.

**Our gifts become part of God’s creative work,  
supporting ministries of justice, compassion, worship, and  
intercultural community.**

Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

*(The offering is collected in the sanctuary. For those online, you are welcome to donate to the work of TSP with the QR code below.)*



**Hymn:** MV 23 *Come, O Holy Spirit*

**1** 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!

**Refrain:** Come, come, come, in Jesus name!  
Take our hearts by storm.  
All the world lies open  
Pentecost is now!  
I said.. (*Repeat refrain*)

**2** 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. *Refrain*

**3** 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! *Refrain*

**Offering Prayer**

**Holy Spirit,  
Use us and all we offer  
to renew the earth, strengthen your church,  
and kindle your love among all peoples.  
Amen.**

Loving God, hear our prayer.  
**And in your love, answer.**

**Sung Response:** *Spirit of the Winds* Words by Marion Pope, Music by La, Un-Yung

**Spirit of the winds, breathe in us your peace,  
that we live lives transformed in community. (x2) (Last time: Amen.)**

**Encircling Prayers...** *We hold in our prayers:*

**The United Church of Canada, Regional Council Executive Ministers**

- Pacific Mountain, Chinook Winds Regional Councils: Treena Duncan
- Northern Spirit, Living Skies, Prairie to Pine Regional Councils: Shannon McCarthy
- Canadian Shield, Shining Waters Regional Councils: Peter Hartmans

### **Ecumenical Prayer**

The pastors and congregations of the Christ Disciples Church.  
The churches in Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives,  
Mauritius, Seychelles.

We **pray** for:

- the fragile environment and the unique plants, animals and lands, that they will be protected, especially as the sea rises
- tourism and other economic developments, that they will not threaten, but enhance life for all the people in these countries
- churches, that they will grow through evangelistic efforts and in their work with those of other faiths
- Christians to be bolder in their public witness for justice and reconciliation, especially in times of political turmoil.

### **Prayer**

**Heavenly Creator,  
you have welcomed us into your kingdom  
and your hearts' desire is to draw every human being to  
yourself.**

**Grant us clear eyes to see people as you see them,  
sensitive feet to stand in their shoes,  
and warm smiles to welcome them into your name.  
Give us generous hearts**

that our church becomes a foretaste of heaven  
where every soul you send us  
finds their loving home in the community of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

## **WE GO TO GOD'S WORLD**

*"The Spirit sends us into the world as people of courage, creativity, and peace."*

**Hymn:** VU 207 *Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth*

- 1 Spirit of God, unleashed on earth  
with rush of wind and roar of flame!  
With tongues of fire saints spread good news;  
earth, kindling, blazed its loud acclaim.**
- 2 You came in power, the church was born;  
O Holy Spirit, come again!  
From living waters raise new saints,  
let new tongues hail the risen Lord.**
- 3 With burning words of victory won  
inspire our hearts grown cold with fear,  
revive in us baptismal grace,  
and fan our smouldering lives to flame.**

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** III. *Toccata* (Praise God) from *Petite Suite sur un Motet de Gerald Bales*, op. 41 - Rachel Laurin



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Asian Heritage:**

As part of Asian Heritage Month this year in The United Church of Canada, Rev. Sun-Do Hyun was interviewed to provide a profile of the community of Korean-descent ministers serving numerous local communities of faith across the denomination. Rev. Hyun is the minister at Grace United Church in Meadow Lake, SK. He is very active in the United Church Korean Network and has participated as an elected member in a number of the church's national committees. We hope this brief video reminds us that for the past decade, the diverse cultural heritage of the ministers in The United Church has been growing through the church's Mutual Recognition Ministry agreement with global denominational partners.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WJT8AF5o-Y>

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**May:** Asian Heritage Month

May 25: Marilyn Whiteley's Memorial Service - Chapel at 1 pm

May 26: Celebrating Women in Ministry: In Honour of Dr. Marion Pope/Hymn Festival; Church Board Meeting (6:30pm)

May 31: Congregational Info Session - West Wing Development

**June:** Indigenous Heritage Month

June 12-13: Artists Wage Peace Weekend Event

June 21: Pride Sunday

June 28: Pay Rent Sunday with guest speaker Rev. Carmen Lansdowne

**July** - Bloor & TSP Worship at TSP

**August** - Bloor & TSP Worship at St. Matthew

### **Celebration of Life - Marilyn Whitely**

A Celebration of Life for Marilyn Whitely will take place on Monday May 25 at 1pm in the Chapel.

### **Games Night**

Join us on Monday May 25 at 7pm in the Circles Room for a Games Night! All are welcome. Contact Rachel Baker with questions - rachelbaker1221@gmail.com

### **Deborah's Two-Year Anniversary**

May 31st marks Deborah's two-year anniversary as Trinity-St. Pauls' Director of Music. Congratulations on this milestone, Deborah!

### **A Celebration of Women in Ministry**



**Tuesday, May 26, 2026 · 1:00–6:00pm** at Emmanuel College Chapel (EM 319), 75 Queen's Park Crescent. Emmanuel College warmly invites you to an afternoon

gathering honouring the life and legacy of Dr. Marion Pope. **Scan the QR code to register.**

## **Artists Wage Peace: Palestinian and Jewish Artists and Peace Builders**

**When:** June 12-13, 2026 **Where:** Trinity-St. Paul's United Church **RSVP & view the full schedule at** [www.robinpacific.ca/event](http://www.robinpacific.ca/event) ARTISTS WAGE PEACE brings creative souls together to spread love and end conflict. You are invited to this groundbreaking and timely two-day interfaith event organized by local artist Robin Pacific and the Middle East Working Group, co-sponsored by Trinity-St Paul's, Bloor St. and Bathurst United Churches, St. Thomas Anglican Church, Shir Libenyu Synagogue and the Women's Mosque of Canada.

### **Connecting with Hewitt in June:**

Hewitt's next week for research and study will be **June 28-July 4**. During this time, he will not be available for regular meetings or correspondence, except for urgent pastoral matters. His time away nourishes our time together, and we thank you for your understanding as he enters this period of focused study and renewal.

### **Staff Summer Holidays**

Hewitt will take his summer holiday in August this year.



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