

## Announcements and Notices

### From the Stewards:

The Committee of Stewards would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank those who graciously responded to the letter circulated asking for continuous financial support.

### Readings for next week's worship and Bible study

Acts 2:42-47 The fellowship of believers

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 The local community of weak and ordinary people

*Bible study is every Tuesday morning by video tune in from 9:30-10:30. If you wish to participate its simple: call or email Rev. Elisabeth*

### Commissioning:

In this Pentecost moment let us give all thanks and glory to God  
**whose power at work in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

Glory to God, from generation to generation in the church, and through the Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

### **Blessing: [ More Voices # 218]**

**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.**

**May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.**

**May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.**

**May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

**Welcome!**  
St. George & St. Andrew United Church

*Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts*



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**May 31, 2020 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**FEAST OF PENTECOST**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Covid Lockdown**

## Gathering the Community

Please spend a moment in preparation for worship.

Listen to one of the oldest Christian hymns we know: “Come Holy ghost, our hearts inspire”.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQI-Lnx\\_7-Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQI-Lnx_7-Q)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*You may want to light a candle or tealight in your home, saying:*

We light this light in the name of **Creator** who said

“Let there be light” - and there was light.

We light this light in the name of **Christ**, who said:

“I am the light of the world, whoever walks in my footsteps will not be in darkness”.

We light this light in the name of **Holy Spirit**, who is our inner light and the light of God’s presence in the world.

*Be still for a moment and become aware of God’s light within you and of God’s presence in all of God’s creation.*

### Call to Worship

When the world divides us in left and right

**Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.**

When the world calls us isolated

**Come, Holy Spirit, show us our gifts.**

When the world leads us astray

**Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.**

### **Hymn: Voices United # 375 “Spirit of gentleness”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95iJo2IJxAU>

### **Opening Prayer:**

Holy One, through Christ you have given us peace that the world can not give. Let your Spirit of truth and understanding flow freely among us, that we may be ignited with passion, grow in courage and ever seek to maintain confidence in your good guidance, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Time with children: “Who has seen the wind?”

*Is the wind real? What a question! We can see what the wind does.*

*Is God real? What a question! We can see what God does..*

*Name some things God does. Then, in the following video, try to name what God, by the Spirit, does in the scenes you see.*

“Our generation” Mission and Service Youth video

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChdB3UJHm\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChdB3UJHm_I)

### A Celebration of God the Holy Spirit (with background music)

God of all beginnings

God of endings

Eternal light of God

Life-loving Spirit

Breath of the universe

Craftsman of the heavens

Star-kindling Spirit

Sun-warming Spirit

Budbursting Spirit

Painter of rainbows

Craftsman of trees

Artist of flowers

Midwife of creatures

Source of all life

Spirit of Justice

Spirit of Righteousness

Spirit of Power

Spirit of Integrity

Spirit of Mercy

Spirit of Compassion

Spirit of Perfection

Spirit of Generosity

Spirit of Invitation

Spirit of solitude  
Spirit of gladness  
    Spirit of mercy  
Spirit of exuberance  
    Light of our lives  
Supporter in our trials  
Strength in weakness  
Consolation in grief  
    Healer of wounds  
Renewer of strength  
Quencher of thirst  
    Shelter in storms  
Tenderness in distress

Safe sheltering of God  
Strong guarding of God  
    Soft enfolding of God  
Liberating challenge of God

    Giver of Joy  
    Giver of Comfort  
    Giver of Peace  
    Giver of Wisdom  
Giver of Right Judgement  
    Giver of Good Counsel  
    Giver of Strength  
Giver of Awe and Wonder  
    Giver of Love

    Spirit of peace-making  
    Witness to Justice

Breaker-down of walls of division  
    Builder of bridges  
    Loosener of chains  
Opener of new pathways  
    Inspirer of creators  
Inspirer of peace-makers

Inspirer of seekers after truth  
Inspirer of workers for humanity  
    Inspirer of children  
    Inspirer of mystics

    Wellspring of life  
    Fresh spring of renewal  
Clear stream of refreshment  
    Wide ocean of love

Divine Wind, Breath of God  
As a Whisper on the breeze  
A Wind dancing in the tree-tops  
Exhilarating Wind of the cliff-tops

So we sense You..

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## **Hearing the Story**

Prayer for Illumination (inner light of understanding)

### **A reading from the book of Acts**

*A Sound Like a Strong Wind*

2 1-4 When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them. (Translation: The Message)

### **A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 12:1-13 *Many gifts one Spirit***

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I want you to

know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church:  
**Thanks be to God.**

| Message: “To each something is given”

## **Responding to the Word**

**Hymn: Voices United # 400**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Vsl6nax6Rs>

*Use this hymn by the (blind) singer song writer Ken Medema as refrain for the following prayer:*

**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 Thanksgiving and Intercession

Give thanks for the last week...

Give thanks for today...

Give thanks for signs of love and renewal...

Give thanks .

Pray for family members in need

Pray for neighbours and your church family

Pray for our neighbours to the South, the divided country

Pray for Creation

Pray for yourself

### ***The Lord’s Prayer***

### **Offering our Gifts**

*Mission and Service AND St. George & St. Andrew need your financial support.*

*If you are able, please send a cheque or postdated cheques by mail, sign up for PAR, or send an e-transfer to stgeorgeandstandrew@gmail.com*

*If you can not financially support us at this time please know we appreciate your time and talent, prayers and faithful action.*

### Spiritual practice: Offering our Talent

Pause for a moment. Looking ahead at the new week, what activity or talent might you specifically dedicate to God this week?

Note how you might approach this activity in a different mindframe.

Ask for a blessing on this task. Think on how you will be making a difference in someone else’s life because of what you do.

