

Prelude

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Territorial Acknowledgment

The United Church of Canada Communities of Faith on the West Island and NDG are located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples and nations. We honour, recognize and respect these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet and live today.

Welcome from the Chairs

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Call to Worship

Christ is like a single body which has many parts.
It is still one body though every part is different.
Therefore the foot cannot say, I am not part of the body;
nor can the ear say, I am not part of the body.
The eye cannot say to the hand, I don't need you;
nor can the head say to the feet, I don't need you.
If one part suffers, all parts share the pain;
if one part is praised, all parts share the joy.
Together we are Christ's body:
each one of us is a part of it.

Hymn

O Breath of Life VU202

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O Breath of life, come sweep-ing through us,
Re-vive your church with life and pow'r;
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, re-new us,
And fit your church to meet this hour.
O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Till hum-bly we con-fess our need;
then in your ten-der-ness re-make us,
Re-vive, re-store, for this we plead.
O Breath of love, come breathe with-in us,
Re-new-ing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, a-fresh to win us,
Re-vive your church in ev-ery part.

Opening Prayer

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Gracious God, if we came to your house, we would find the door open,
because there are no closing hours for the hospitality of heaven.

If we came to your house, we would hear many accents,
ours just one among them,

for there is no favoured nation in the commonwealth of heaven.

If we came to your house,

we would see many people who never thought they would be allowed in,
had entrance been by merit rather than by your gracious invitation.

So as we gather in Jesus' name, let the characteristics you cherish
become evident in all we do and share together.

Gather into one the glorious assortments of unlikes
which is your true church.

Reveal within our communities what we must do, what we must hear,
and who we are to welcome if we are to know Jesus among us.

God give us the grace to surrender our presumptions
as to what we should be or do;

and then amend our lives until we become the people you intend.

John 20.19-23

Musical Reflection

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Sermon

A Pandemic Pentecost *(available on the broadcast)*

Musical Reflection

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Offering Time

We acknowledge the gifts the we have received in our lives, especially those we
love, those who have taught us, the earth and all its goodness. life and its
abundance. God continues to bless us and makes us a blessing to others.

Offertory

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Prayers of the People

Before we leave this sacred time, a prayer for our own healing,
the healing of bodies which are sick, or hearts that are weary,
or minds that are confused, or imaginations that are overactive,
or memories that are menacing.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Before we leave this time, a prayer for our own deepening -

in faith, hope, and love, in our lives as communities of believers,
in our own walk with God.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Before we leave this time, let us ask what God wants us to hear,
to have or to do, and to be open to receive it graciously.
God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all that God gives to us we say, Thank you.

To all that God ask of us, we say Yes!

We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

Hymn

Spirit of Gentleness VU375

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Spir-it, Spir-it of gen-tle-ness,
Blow through the wil-der-ness, call-ing and free,
Spir-it, Spir-it of rest-less-ness,
Stir me from plac-id-ness, Wind, Wind on the sea.
You moved on the wa-ters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the moun-tains from the val-leys of sleep;
And o-ver the e-ons you called to each thing;
Wake from your slum-bers and rise on your wings.
You swept thro' the des-ert, you stung with the sand
And you goad-ed your peo-ple with a law and a land;
And when they were blind-ed with i-dols and lies,
Then you spoke thro' your proph-ets to open their eyes.
You sang in a sta-ble, you cried from a hill,
Then you whis-pered in si-lence when the whole world was still;
And down in the cit-y you called once a-gain,
When you blew thro' your peo-ple on the rush of the wind.
You call from to-mor-row, you break an-cient schemes.
From the bond-age of sor-row the captives dream dreams;
Our wom-en see vi-sions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new de-ci-sions your peo-ple a-rise.

Spir-it, Spir-it of gen-tle-ness,
Blow through the wil-der-ness, call-ing and free,
Spir-it, Spir-it of rest-less-ness,
Stir me from plac-id-ness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

Closing

based on Commissioning by George Allan in Gathering, Pentecost 1 2020, page 29

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The power of the creating and energizing Spirit
moved through us today.
The warmth of the Spirit entered our hearts,
offered us courage and granted us loving mercy.
The Spirit hovered around us, dwelt within us
and moved beside us in this sacred time;
in scripture, in song, in sermon and in prayer.
As we move out of this time of worship, the Spirit moves with us;
always near, always comforting, always home in our hearts.
As Communities of Faith we take up the challenge
to move with the Spirit in these times;
to listen to where God is calling us,
to be who God is calling us to be,
to find new ways to proclaim our hope
in the body of Christ, alive and ever present in us.

Postlude

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