



*May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

*10:00 a.m.*

## **St. Andrew's United Church**

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**\*Those who are able, please stand as marked**

*The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers!*

*If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.*

**Musical Prelude**

**Greetings & Welcoming Newcomers**

**Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns and Celebrations**

**Treaty Land Acknowledgment**

**\*Lighting of the Christ Candle**

L: May the Spirit of the Living Christ dwell within us.

**C: May the light of Christ's faith be made incarnate now and always.**

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(congregation's response in **BOLD**)*

L: When they had all met together, suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of a violent wind which filled the entire house in which they were sitting.

**C: There appeared to them tongues as of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them.**

L: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages as the Spirit gave them power to express themselves.

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

*(in unison)*

**Great and Wonderful Creator, we long to be consumed by the rapture of your eternal embrace. The gift of your Spirit, we can neither conjure up nor fabricate by sheer will. Instead, we open our hearts and minds to the wind and will of your direction.**

**Make us the channel from which all things are possible; move us from complacency to action, from distance to immediacy; from caution to daring, bold discipleship. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: VU#625 – *I Feel the Winds of God***

*(lyrics on screen)*

**Children's Story**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in unison)*

**Forgive us and help us, Gracious Creator : As people called to be your presence in the world, we search our hearts in order to move from self and pride to become your hands and feet. To recognize opportunities not taken, for care not given; for sorrow not shared, for joy not celebrated; for the righteousness that knows no fault; for the callousness that has ceased to care; for love not offered, forgiveness not extended; and for the blindness that cannot see other possibilities or perspectives but only its own will. We cry to you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

## PARDON AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Creator and Saviour God: Giver and Renewer of Life: we give you thanks for your grace and mercy by which the burden of sin and guilt has been lifted from us. Blessed are you, God, most Holy, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: VU #603 – *In Loving Partnership We Come***  
*(lyrics on screen)*

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 104 (VU page 826 – Refrain #1)**  
**Bless O my soul, the Almighty who rules all creation.**

**Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: VU #378 – *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart***  
*(lyrics on screen)*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: VU #959**  
*(lyrics on screen)*

## The Offering

### \*Offering Dedication

VU #544 – *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* (lyrics on screen)

## SCRIPTURE

### Acts 2:1-21

*The Holy Spirit Comes in Wind and Flame*

### 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*One Spirit, Many Gifts*

### The Gospel of St. John 20:19-23

*Jesus appears behind locked doors*

### Sermon – Rev. Stephen Sparks

### \*Closing Hymn: VU #375 – *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

(lyrics on screen)

## BENEDICTION

L: May you be engulfed by the passion and fire that is God's Spirit.

**C: May we be open to the unexpected, from which divine invitation leads us, into who we are and what we were meant to be from the very beginning of time.**

L: May the One who made us transform our flesh into Spirit-filled purpose. In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore. Amen.

## Musical Postlude

*Thank you*

### Worship Leaders

*Rev. Stephen Sparks – Guest Presider*

*Vince Anderson – Piano & Organ*

*Robert Woodbury – Soloist*

*Katie Reed – Scripture Reader*

### Technical Support

*Eldon Wilson – Live Streaming & Sound System*

*Patricia Wilson – PowerPoint Operation*

*Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design*