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June 4, 2017**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Working together to feed God's people mind, body and spirit

Reflection

"Pentecost is an invitation to dream. For when a community of faith quits dreaming dreams, it has little to offer either its members or the wider world. These dreams involve adopting a new perspective on what's possible, rousing our creativity to free us from conventional expectations. They help us see that maybe what we thought was outlandish actually lies within reach."

Matthew L. Skinner



Pre-service Music: "Prelude, Fugue und Chaconne"
BuxWV 137 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome

GATHERING

Acknowledgement of Land:

One: We acknowledge this land. For 15 thousand years indigenous people have walked on this land in their own country. Here were the Wendat, Petun, Haudenosaunee, Seneca and most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Hear the cry for justice and right relationship. As partners to treaties, we strive to walk in peace, respect, friendship, and in solidarity with First Nations concerning their land and treaty rights.

Video: Pentecost NBB/D. Burke
Some Woman's Son music: Bill Whelan

Hymn: VU 208 "Veni Sancte Spiritus"

Opening Words

One: We gather today not just to remember that Pentecost happened when wind and fire changed the lives of a ragtag group, but to celebrate the Spirit which continues to create change and which brings us together today to be fired up and be emboldened to stand up and be heard as voices of peace and justice in our city and in the world. Nicole Bourassa-Burke

Carol: *Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.*
The community candle is lit.
*For every time we make a mistake and we decide to start again:
we light this flame.*
*For every time we are lonely and we let someone be our friend:
we light this flame.*
*For every time we are disappointed and we choose to hope: we
light this flame.* M. M. Killoran

Opening Sentences

One: We are a welcoming people creating sacred space and time for ourselves and others. Our doors are open wide and our table is long offering hospitality and refreshment to friend and stranger alike.

ALL: This a place of comfort in the busy city and time of refuge from daily life. We enter into this time together bringing our past, our present, and our future trusting that our unique contribution to creation affects all life from this point on.

One: We honour diversity. We are not alike yet we are community. We appreciate the uniqueness of each individual and the limitations which are part of each life with compassion.

ALL: The care that we show each other and all creation is a reflection of the one we follow who showed us that difference is to be celebrated, integrity is everything and that life is to be lived with passion.

One: This is a place of inclusivity. This circle opens to include all people. Everyone belongs-man or woman, youth or elder, gay or straight, whatever heritage or history-the circle grows to embrace all.

ALL: The Spirit which is among us is the Spirit of life found in community. It unites us and challenges us to bring in all people. Our gathering is not exclusive. This place is open to all. We welcome all who come seeking friendship and spirit.

One: This space and this time are not ours but given to us to us for now to share God's goodness with each other and those who choose to join us whether for a short or a long time.

ALL: We open ourselves to the creative, passionate and all-inclusive One to be continue the work of bringing all into peace and harmony.

Nicole Bourassa-Burke

Act of Awareness

One: Today is a day to dream. Today is a day to believe that together as we can be and do much more than we dare to imagine. Today is a day when Pentecost happens once again in us. Amen! May it be so!

Nicole Bourassa-Burke

Hymn: MV 23 "Come, O Holy Spirit"

The Peace

One: Let us take a moment to celebrate each other. The peace of God is here to stay.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

Invitation to the Children to Come Forward

Children of all ages are invited to come to the front.

Video: Pentecost Explained in Lego

Hymn: MV 87 "Water Flowing From the Mountains"

CENTERING

Meditation/mindfulness: Pentecost: Steve Swanson

Please put all bulletins down, place your feet flat on the floor, rest your eyes either closed or a soft gaze downward.

EXPLORING

Readings from our biblical tradition

Gospel Acclamation: Refrain: Celtic Alleluia

Cantor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Gospel: John 7: 37-39

NRSV

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

MV 108 "I Know Your Word"

I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God.

(repeat)

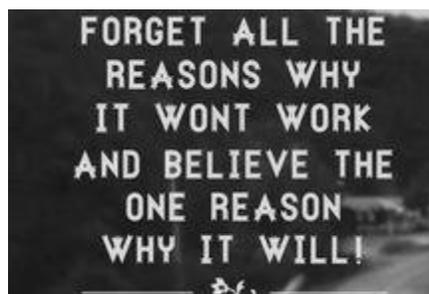
I know your Word is a lamp, O God, to light my path forever.

(repeat)

Contemporary Word: Video: Worship is Life

Organ Meditation: "Come, Creator, Holy Spirit"

BWV 667 by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



OFFERING

Offertory Invitation

One: Stewardship was a practice of the early church. Today we continue this ancient practise because stewardship is another word for caring. We take up the offering today because we care for our church, our neighbours, and our world. We give because we have been shown how to let go completely and trust in God's abundance. Nicole Bourassa-Burke/Salt and Light: Congregational Giving Resource

Offertory Hymn: VU 198 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

Offertory Prayer

ALL: Holy One, in our busy lives we often forget that the gifts of creation are for all, that others need our care, that we are stewards of life. Use us, our time, and our talent, and use what we have given for the good of all creation. Amen! May it be so! Nicole Bourassa-Burke/Salt and Light: Congregational Giving Resource

CELEBRATING

Carol: *A table is a place to gather, to meet, to share and to celebrate. A table is where ideas are shared, it is where we are nourished and where family and friends come together This table is like all tables It is where we meet It is set and the meal is about to be served.*

One: God is present, here, with us, now.

ALL: We celebrate God's presence. We open our hearts to the One who creates, to the One who lived passionately and to the Spirit that lives and moves in all. This is what holds and sustains all creation as one and so together with all that was, is and will be we sing...

VU 932 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

**Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest!**

Carol: *We are now gathered together around this table. It is a table that is open and includes all people.*

Nicole: *Here we celebrate God's presence among us united in spirit. We come as God's people broken and whole all at once.*

ALL: **We make one circle of knowing, believing, rejoicing, being, experiencing and sharing God's presence.**

Nicole: *This is the great mystery of Christianity that the simple elements of bread and wine are changed not by our words but by what we believe. In other words, the transformation does not happen by supernatural means, it happens when we take these basic foods and we believe that they become the body and life of the Christ forming a new relationship between ourselves and the Divine.*

One: We are told that Jesus shared a meal with his friends the night before he was put to death. They came together, they talked and they laughed. They ate and drank. During the meal Jesus took some bread, blessed it and tore it into pieces telling his friends, "This broken bread is my body which will be given for you and for all." and they shared the bread amongst them. Then Jesus took a cup of wine and he shared it with his companions saying, "Take this cup and pass it one to the other for this is the cup of my life which will be poured out for you and all. For this evening on whenever you come together and break bread and share the wine think of me and remember the great love between you and I.

Nicole: *Now you are invited to share the bread and wine amongst you and to remember that we too Jesus and are deeply loved.*

Nicole Bourassa-Burke

Solo: "Come Holy Spirit"

Bill and Gloria Gaither, 1964

SCATTERING

Announcements

Words of Mission

One: Let us embrace the wonder of this week with expectation and imagination...

The community candle is extinguished.

One: There is hope! Our God is a God of life, and the power of the God's Spirit permeates all creation.

ALL: **To live according to the Spirit is to acknowledge its presentness in all creation.**

MV 209 "Go Make a Diff'rence"

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world! (*Repeat*)

Words of Blessing

One: Welcome Spirit Wind,
Animator, Sustainer,
You birthed the cosmos, ever expanding,
every system in perpetual motion.
You circulate over earth,
breeze across the surface of eternal waters,
teasing waves to roll;
You twist up the dusty ground,
and give dimension to your beloved,
You inspirit the dead!

*Nicole: Create space in the hearth of our being,
to welcome Spirit Fire, the ignitor of true life!
Take up our hearts, surrendered,
kindling before your Breath—
spark to flicker
flicker to flame,
stoke the hearts of your people!
Like floating embers off the tongue,
one anthem will rise
and, emblazoned by faith,
will catch on like wildfire!*

One: Unity is the work of the Spirit,
Gather us to Your Lifeforce, O God
Leave no coal unlit!
Not one soul in the cold!
Thank you for tending to your Light within us, O God.
Thank you for sustaining the light of our souls

Sung Amen: VU 974

Amen! Amen! Halleluah, amen!

Postlude: Prelude on "Ebenezer" (Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us)
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

What's happening @ KPUC

Games Night will be on June 10 5-10 PM in the church hall.

Board Meeting will be June 19 7:30 PM in the Jessie Scott Room.

WOW

Worship Out of the Ordinary on Wednesday
We gather at 6:00 PM to create salad bar meal together. We supply greens and dressings. Bring something to add to the meal (ie: veggies, bread, protein, dessert item, fruit). We eat family style at 6:30 followed by a mindful time of worship and communion. All youth and adults are invited to participate.

THE NEXT WOW WILL BE JUNE 14.

August 12th Garden@Kimbourne will be hosting a free native plants workshop with Suzanne Smoke, who will share her knowledge of the healing plants that grow in our region. She will also teach us about greeting the four sacred medicines; planting ceremonies; and harvesting ceremonies.

GARDENING TOGETHER- Get your hands dirty in our permaculture garden

Sundays 1-3 PM

Wednesdays & Fridays 6 PM-dusk

ACTION SUNDAY IS BACK!

Sunday June 18 is our reformatted ACTION SUNDAY. Gathering at 10:15 AM for a short liturgy upstairs and then moving into preparing and serving a free community meal that is open to everyone. **SPREAD THE WORD!** Invite your family, friends and neighbours and as always...NO PREACHING. WE PROMISE.



Had one of our pies lately? You don't know about our pies? Made here in our kitchen in a number of flavours in support of the United Church's Mission and Service Fund. Sold frozen so you can bake at home or baked here ready to be served. Speak to Suzanne for varieties available and prices.