

May 24, 2026, 10:30, Day of Pentecost

Welcome to our community as we worship together.

Bienvenue à l'Église Summerlea. Venez nous rejoindre pour les rafraîchissements dans la salle de l'église ce matin, après le service.

Please join us for fellowship hour in the church hall following the service.

There are no visitors here, for we are all part of the family of God.

Summerlea United Church is located on land that has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples and nations. We honor, recognize, and respect these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

Officiating: Sarah Wicks-Potter

We Gather as God's People

Prelude *"He Shall Feed His Flock"* *by G. Handel*

Introit *"On Pentecost They Gathered"* **VU 195**

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Responsive Call to Worship

From Celebrate God's Presence, p.202, modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

The risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Spirit of the living God, visit us again this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

On rushing winds that sweep away all barriers,

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With speech that unites the babel of our tongues,

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Opening Hymn

MV 28

"God of the Bible" (Fresh as the Morning)

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

From Celebrate God's Presence, p.205 & 206, modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

Spirit of God,
You are the breath of creation,
The wind of change that blows through our lives,
Opening us up to new dreams and new hopes,
New life in Jesus Christ.
Forgive us our closed minds
Which barricade themselves against new ideas,
Preferring the past
To what you might want to do through us tomorrow.
Forgive our closed eyes
Which fail to see the needs of your world,
Blind to opportunities of service and love.
Forgive our closed hands
Which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone.
Forgive us our closed hearts
Which limit our affections to ourselves and our own.
Spirit of new life,
Forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness,
That we might be open to your love
And open for the service of your world,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Good News:
God has not abandoned us to the grave.
In Jesus Christ, God has forgiven us,
And has shown us the paths of life.
God's Spirit is among us; we shall live!

Thanks be to God.

Amen and alleluia!

Hymn *"Fire of God, Undying Flame"*

VU 209

We Listen to the Word of God

Scripture Reader: John Osborne

First Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21 NRSVUE

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (VU 826-827)

Refrain 1: Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

Reading from the Gospels: John 20:19-23 NRSVUE

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn *"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"*

MV 10

Sermon: Sarah Wicks-Potter

We Respond to God's Love

Anthem "Come O Holy Spirit"

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

From The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Worship Planner for Pentecost, file available upon request, modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

At Pentecost, the gifts of the Spirit are poured out on the Church,
Preparing Christ's followers to serve him in the world.
Today, like the apostles before us,
We offer our gifts to God
With the hope and prayer that the service of the church will Reflect the living witness the Spirit leads us to today.

Offertory Dedication

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Spirit of grace and power,
Bless these gifts today
So that they accomplish the work that is needed in Jesus' Name.
We offer ourselves, too,
So that our lives may faithfully proclaim the Good News
With your grace and power.
Amen.

Offertory Hymn

"Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving" **MV 185**

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

From Charlotte County Presbyterian Churches, file available upon request, modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

Wind of the Spirit,
Blow through us and your whole church
On this day of Pentecost:
Blow through us and renew our faith.
Re-awaken our love for God.
Let your flames warm our hearts with trust in Jesus Christ
And dare us to do great things in his name.
Wind of the Spirit,
Blow through us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit,
Blow through us
And give us energy to serve you as the body of Christ Working in the world.

Open our eyes to recognize the needs for ministry and Mission around us.
Open our hearts to welcome newcomers and meet those we Do not yet know.
Open our hands to share in tasks that need doing,
And open our lips in prayer and praise.
Wind of the Spirit,

Blow through us and renew our energy to serve.

Wind of the Spirit,
Blow through us
And give us understanding
For all those whose lives seem so different from ours
(Hold a brief silence)
For those facing situations we've never encountered
(Hold a brief silence)
For those with whom we've disagreed
(Hold a brief silence)
For problems and challenges we face at home, at work,
And in the world still struggling with the effects of the sin.
(Hold a longer silence)

Wind of the Spirit,
Blow through us and give us new understanding.

Wind of the Spirit,
Blow through us
And bring healing
For all who face pain or illness, discouragement or Disappointment
(Hold a brief silence)
For all who know sorrow, sadness or grief
(Hold a brief silence)
For those who face stress and pressure,
(Hold a longer silence)

Wind of the Spirit,
Blow through us and bring healing and peace.

Wind of the Spirit,
Blow through us
And bring us the compassion we see in Christ Jesus.
Blow through us
And equip us to serve the world you love in his name.
Blow through us and refresh us as your faithful followers.
Unite us across our differences
As together, we pray the words he taught us,
In the language of our hearts:

**Our Father,
Who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
They will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread**

**And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Now and forever.
Amen.**

We Go Out to Witness in the World

Closing Hymn

VU 512

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Commissioning and Benediction

From Celebrate God's Presence, p. 211, with modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

We are the church!
We follow where the Spirit leads,
Daring to be risk takers wherever we go!
We are filled with the breath of the Holy Spirit!

And may the blessing of God,
Creator and Giver of Life,
The Son, Life of God incarnate,
And the Holy Spirit,
Bearer and power of new life among all people,
Be with us now and forever.
Amen.

Threefold Amen

Postlude *“Prelude and Fugue”* *by J.O. Armand*

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