

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

Pentecost/Baptism/Welcoming New Members and Adherents

Minister: The Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Readers: Dan Donaldson, Neal Foot

Singers: St. Paul's Choir

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Gabriela & Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALL TO THE GATHERED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: VU# 395 "Come In, Come in and Sit Down"

Refrain: **Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
 We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.**

1. You know the reason why you came; yet no reason can explain;
 so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family.

Refrain:

2. God is with us in this place, like a mother's war embrace.
 We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family.

Refrain:

3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine; we are the branches, Christ is the
 vine. This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family.

Refrain:

4. There's rest for the weary and health for us all, there's a yoke that is easy and a burden
 that's small. So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family.

Refrain:

OPENING PRAYER: read by Neal Foot, written by Jani Francis, St. Andrew's U.C., Indian Head, Sask. Used with permission Gathering Pentecost 1 2022 pg. 27.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SUNG RESPONSE: MV#156 "Dance With the Spirit" 2x

**Dance with the Spirit early in the morning, walk with the Spirit throughout the long day,
work and hope for the new life ab-born-in, listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A NEW CREED: VU#918

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who work sin us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.



WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS

Baptism: Heather MacDonald and the two daughters of Heather and Herb van den Dool

Affirmation of Faith: Marilou Armitage, Heather MacDonald,

Reaffirmation of Faith: – Al Armitage, Madeline Cote, Bob and Lynn Davy, Olympia Forbes, Gerald (Herb) van den Dool

Adherents: Sharon Burkhart, Joanne Purchase

HYMN: MV# 79 "Spirit Open Our Hearts"

**Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving, Spirit, open my heart.**

1. God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.
2. Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

Refrain:

3. May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. **Refrain:**

(The Discovery Kids will proceed to the Room of Requirement during the second verse on the hymn.)



SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-4; 14-18 read by Dan Donaldson

SERMON: Joanne Purchase and Karen Ptolemy-Stam

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "In the Hands of the Lord"

SUNG RESPONSE: MV# 182 "Grateful"

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER read by Neal Foot , written by Elizabeth Stewart,
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HYMN: VU# 380 "She Comes Sailing on the Wind"

Refrain: She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.

And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

1. Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth, like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.
2. Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on. **Refrain:**
3. To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling to the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.
4. Flying to the river, she waited circling high above
the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace.
5. Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. **Refrain**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

