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2019



Pentecost

St. John's United Church

An Affirming, Fully Inclusive Ministry

Welcome to all worshipping with us today.

If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign the guest book in the church entryway and include your email address if you would like to receive our weekly newsletter. After the service, you are invited to come downstairs to share in a cup of coffee or tea and some conversation.

Families with babies/toddlers are invited into the Family Room (opposite the main entrance to the Church, at the back of the Sanctuary). Older children are welcomed into Worship with the rest of the congregation. Activity packs are available for them to take into Worship.

Hymnals indicated by: **VU**–Voices United & **MV**–More Voices

**You are invited to stand, if it is comfortable for you.*

Prelude

Ken Dalgleish

Welcome, Acknowledgement, Announcements

Rev. Alan Claassen

Gathering Song

Holy Sacred Spirit

MV# 15

Invocation & Lighting the Christ Candle

May the light of Jesus Christ, **become the light in our hearts.**

May the light in our heart, **become the peace in our world.**

Call to Worship

Bernadette Richards

Come, from every corner of the earth,

From every time and place

From south and north,

From east and west,

Gather together to listen

Gather together to speak

For the spirit of Love is being poured out upon us

Even now in this place

Upon the young and the old, the women and the men

Straight and gay, the immigrant and the dreamer.

We are here to listen to one another

We are here to sing together.

***Hymn**

A Song Must Rise

MV# 142

***Unison Prayer**

Bernadette Richards

Holy One, may the power of your spirit

blow through our church this day,

filling our lungs with energy, vitality, and an eagerness to serve.

May the power of your spirit ignite a fire within us

that knows no fear, giving us the courage to be your people.

May the power of your spirit open our hearts

and loosen our tongues so with boldness we may proclaim

your vision of love and justice for all people and all Creation.

Amen.

Spirit Sightings

Poetry & Scripture Readings

Bernadette Richards

Did the Sun Come Up This Morning?

Acts 2:1-4

John 20:19-23

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God in nature,
for the word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem *Holy Sacred Spirit/ Holy Spirit Come Into Our Lives*

Sermon Show Me What You Love *Rev. Alan Claassen*

Hymn *Breathe on Me Breath of God* **VU# 382**

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus **VU# 959**

Moment for Ministry *Joan Hibbard*

Offertory *Ken Dalglish*

***Doxology** *We Give You But Your Own* **VU# 542**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Breathe into our hearts this day.

Bless these gifts offered in gratitude to You,

that our ministries may create Spirit-filled lives

of love and compassion for all. May it be so. Amen

***Hymn** *She Comes Sailing on the Wind* **VU# 380**

***Blessing**

***Song to Go** *She Comes Sailing on the Wind* (refrain only)

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.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ saying:** *Rev. Alan Claassen*

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours
with a handshake, a hug, or with hands together in prayer.*



We gratefully acknowledge that we are gathered on
the unceded ancestral lands of the *shíshálh* First Nation.



Thank you to those who contributed to our worship service this morning:
readers, greeters, refreshment makers, musicians, to name just a few!

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES:

- ♦ **NOTE:** The chairs **DO NOT** need to be put away after the service today.
- ♦ Clean-up brought to you by the letters: **A, M, T, W**
Those whose last name begins with these letters are asked to help with
cleaning up after our time of coffee, tea and fellowship together.
- ♦ **REMINDER** If you have opened windows, please remember to close
them!



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St. John's Announcements

June 9, 2019



♦ Mark your Calendar:

June 30th is Alan's last Sunday

Following the service, we will be having a farewell luncheon and short program for Alan and Betsy.

Please plan to attend so we can thank them and honour their time at St. John's. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex to indicate your contribution to the meal.

♦ **Book returns** If you loaned a book to Alan and would like it back, please stop by the table in the office hallway. There you may find your book. If you don't, ask Alan before it gets included in boxes bound for south of the border!

♦ **National Indigenous Day of Prayer** St. John's United Church will be observing this day of prayer on Sunday, June 23. Members of St. John's newest small group ministry, syiyaya Reconciliation, will be assisting Alan with this worship service.

♦ **Culture Crawl for Indigenous Peoples Day** *shishálh* is hosting a 3-day event from June 21-23 that is open to the public. Please see bulletin board in hallway across from offices for more detailed information about the various workshops and events that will be taking place these three days.

♦ **Calling all church musicians!** We have an opportunity for our in-house musicians to perform in place of the vacationing choir during the summer months. If you would like to have a song to sing or an instrument to play, please contact Ken Dalgleish who will be setting up the schedule for us. On June 16, Shel Neufeld and Alan Claassen will be singing Bruce Cockburn's song, *All the Diamonds*, and playing an instrumental written by Shel.

♦ **The Freezer in the Maintenance Room (downstairs) is Full!** The Call To Care & Membership Team recently organized a cooking day in order to stock the freezer for the summer. Special thanks to Katryn Harris and Mary Jane Forestell for their recipe planning, food shopping, and organizing us all. Also, thanks to all who participated in the day! We sang, stirred, sautéed, and generally created wonderful smells that permeated the building. The freezer has Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli Rice Casserole, Mac & Cheese, Gluten Free Pasta Bake, Meatloaf and Baked Potato, 2 sizes of Quiche, a Stir Fry and a Veggie Stir Fry with Tofu. There are also cookies, brownies and muffins for the taking.

Did the Sun Come Up this Morning?

by Victoria Safford

The dead shall rise again.

Have you seen the trees? Have you seen the maple buds?
The magnolias, swelling?
Poplars, the first lacy, pale spray across the shoulder of the hills?

Did you smell the rain this week,
and the muddy, ready earth receiving it?
Did you smell the musty, lusty, mouldy pile of leaves all thawed now,
and underneath, the moist and living earthworms, wide awake?

Is it safe, I wonder, to presume
that we have all seen the dead resurrected?
Can we presume, just quietly among us, this basic fact?
Can we admit, however carefully at first,
however foolish it may sound,
that once or twice in our lives
or perhaps over and over and tumbling over,
we have seen events miraculous?

Choose the words you will, whatever words you need.
If 'miracle' cloy, try 'unexpected.' 'Surprising.' 'Unanticipated.'
'Lucky.'
'That which has been given us, that second chance,
that second wind,
by the grace of God knows what.'

The dead shall rise again.
We know, because we've seen it...

Did the sun come up this morning,
no thanks to us and all for us,
and did the earth awake again, or did it not?

We will testify to resurrection.

Acts 2:1-4

New Century Version

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a noise like a strong, blowing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something like flames of fire that were separated and stood over each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages by the power the Holy Spirit was giving them.

John 20:19-23

New Century Version

When it was evening on the first day of the week, Jesus' followers were together. The doors were locked, because they were afraid of the elders. Then Jesus came and stood right in the middle of them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. His followers were thrilled when they saw the Lord.

Then Jesus said again, "Peace be with you. As our Creator sent me, I now send you." After he said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven. If you don't forgive them, they are not forgiven."



Come Holy Spirit Come!

What's Happening This Week			
Sun	09	9:20 am 10:00 am	Contemplative Prayer Communion Worship Service Ross Armstrong Rm Sanctuary
Mon	10	10:00 am	Qigong Ministry Sanctuary
Tues	11	4:00 pm	KLO Meeting Lower Hall
Thurs	13	10:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Called to Care Team Meeting Healing Touch Ministry St. John's Choir Ross Armstrong Rm Lower Hall Sanctuary
Fri	14	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry McElroy Home
Sun	16	9:20 am 10:00 am 3:30 pm	Contemplative Prayer Worship Service Song Circle Ross Armstrong Rm Sanctuary Sanctuary