

St. John's United Church
May 28th, 2023
Pentecost

Worship Leader – Rev. Charles Reid

Regular Office Hours

10:00am-12:00pm Tuesday and Thursday

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OPENING HYMN VU # 625 I Feel the Winds of God

WELCOME

Greetings, welcoming newcomers, announcements, prayer concerns and celebrations.

We are looking for more choir members and musicians if anyone is interested in joining.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The **light** of the Eternal Candle of Christ is **glowing**, even when we walk in the dark of night, we see the **light** on the horizon.

The Son of God has ascended to Heaven, the eternal **light** shining forever, Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*Please rise*)

Officiate: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep, my soul at rest for God to keep.
And when I awake to a brand new day, the path of My Jesus, I will walk today. Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

What a wildly wonderful world, God! Earth overflows with your amazing creations.

The deep, wide sea brims with fish: sardines, sharks, and salmon.

Ships travel on the waters, and great sea creatures play in them.
Everyday creatures depend on you for food. You open your hand, and they eat from it.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

If you would like to continue with weekly offerings they can be

sent in by:

Mail to: 4510-43Ave T9N 1R4

E-Transfer to: bonnyvilleunited@gmail.com

Join PAR: Contact Stacy Mercier 780.826.2859

This Week: May 28th, 2023

Worship Leader: Rev. Charles Reid

Greeters: Sharon Hebert & Patti Skuba

Scripture: Les Parsons

Fellowship: Olive Martin & Pat Doonanco

Next Week: June 4th, 2023

Worship Leader: Bob McRae

Greeters: Bob & Gloria Tomm

Scripture: Judy Inman

Fellowship: Bev Cameron

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are called to believe that the Lord God of heaven and earth is the creator of all universes. We believe that we are created in the image of God. We Believe God's only son was born to Mary a Virgin, born of the Holy Spirit. We believe that he was resurrected from the grave on the third day. We believe that he ascended to the throne of heaven. We believe in the Holy Spirit as our guide and comforter. We believe that Jesus the son of God will once again come to rule the world.

We believe because we are God's children and Christians in the Church of Jesus. Amen

COMMUNION LITURGY *(insert)*

RECESSIONAL HYMN VU # 606 In Christ There Is No East or West

May you go into the world with your hearts burning. May you let the slow wonder of God greet your heart in new and surprising ways. May your eyes be open enough to love deeply from a mutual heart, for this is how God loves you. Go into the world with love and joy, for God's peace always goes with us. **In Jesus name Amen**

Go Now In Peace

Go now in Peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you, each hour of everyday.
Go now in Faith, steadfast, strong and true,
know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in Love, and show you believe,
reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now, in Peace, in Faith and in Love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

You send your spirit to sustain and renew.

May the glory of God last forever!

Let us sing to God all our lives.

Praise God, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Amen

OPENING PRAYER

Your spirit, God, works in our weakness until we are aflame with your love and power. Fill the hearts of your faithful with living fire, that we may set the world ablaze;

Through Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Spirit be honour and praise, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN VU # 684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Pentecost, thank you for the gift of the Spirit; for the power and energy the Spirit brings and for the knowledge that we are not alone, nevertheless, sometimes we find it hard to believe in things we cannot see or touch.

We remember the times we have not recognized the Spirit's still small voice, the times we have ignored the Spirit's prompting; the times we have not acknowledged the Spirit's work around us, the times we have resisted the Spirit's transforming power. We remember, and we are sorry. Pour out your Spirit anew; blow through us and ignite us once more. Amen.

THE FORGIVENESS OF GOD

Our God is always making all things new; our shortcomings are forgotten and we can begin again, with God's Spirit as our helper.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 11:24-30

The words of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 104:24-35b**Refrain 2: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

Oh God, how manifold are your works!

With wisdom at your side you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**Refrain 2: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

There lies the great and mighty sea, teeming with living things both great and small.

Upon it sail the ships, and there is Leviathan the monster you made to play in it.

All these look to you, to give them their food in due season.

What you give them they gather up. When you open your hand, you fill them with good things.

But when you hide your face, they despair. When you take away their breath, they die, and return to dust.

But when you send out your Spirit, they live again, and you renew the face of the earth.**Refrain 2: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

May your glory, O God, endure forever.

May you rejoice, O God, in your works

When you look at the earth it trembles,

When you touch the mountains they smoke.

I will sing to God as long as I live.

I will praise my God while I have been.**Refrain 2: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah****In the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Amen**

The word of The Lord

Thanks be to God**HYMN VU # 472 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts****PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

God of Pentecost, full of peace, we pray for those for whom life seems abandoned. We think of those who feel afraid and unable to move. We pray for those in our hearts and on our prayer list. Show them the path that leads to life.

In the name of the Ascended Jesus. Amen**PRAYER LIST****OFFERING HYMN: VU # 179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen Christ; Hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name. Jesus is Lord of all the earth, firstborn of all creation. Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen Christ; Hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.****OFFERING PRAYER****We bring what we have, O God. We know many around us are in need, and though we cannot do everything, we know that you can take what we offer and use it to make a difference. Take these gifts, brought with glad and generous hearts, and share them for the goodwill of all. Amen****SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:1-21

The words of the Lord

Thanks be to God**CHOIR ANTHEM VU # 198 Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us****GOSPEL READING**

John 20:19-23

The words of the Lord

Thanks be to God