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May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WE GATHER

Silent Prayer and Preparation  
Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

\* **Gathering Hymn 195** – *On Pentecost They Gathered*

\* Opening Words: *(responsive)*

The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together.  
Will the works of God be known among us today?

**We live as in a valley of dry bones.  
Around and within us is emptiness.**

God comes to us as a gentle breath or a mighty wind.  
Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.

**There are stirrings deep within that give us hope.  
There is a Spirit linking us to one another.**

The fires of love dispel life's shadows.  
God's Spirit comes to give us new life.

**Surely God is in this place!**

**May the glory of God be known among us today!**

Let us worship God.

*(Congregation may be seated.)*

Prayer of Approach: *(in unison)*

**Amazing God, you move among us in so many ways!  
The world is full of the life you have created,  
in all its splendid variety.**

**You have linked us, your people, to the earth  
and to everything that lives.**

**We depend on it all to sustain us,  
and as we have reverence for you  
we also respect all you have made.**

**Come among us now to make your ways known.  
Help us to dream your dreams  
to see the visions of your intentions  
for this world and for us,  
the people who make up the church of Jesus Christ  
who taught us to pray as we sing ...**

The Prayer of Jesus: *VU 959 (sung)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

Choir Anthem: "Canon for Pentecost" -D. Catherwood

### WE LISTEN

Bible Readings: *(starting on page 5 of the bulletin)*

**Responsive Psalm 104 (Pt. 2-refrain 2)** - VU pg. 827 -Bob Laing  
Acts 2: 1-21

Sermon

### WE GIVE THANKS

\* **Hymn 625** – *I Feel the Winds of God*

Minute for Mission: A New Approach to Farming - Bob Laing

The Offering

Choir Anthem: "Come Down, Lord" - S. Pethel

\* Offertory Response: *VU 538*

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

\* Prayer of Dedication: *(in unison)*

**Thank you God,  
for filling our lives with so many good things:  
a beautiful world, a safe place to live,  
a congregation of faithful friends,  
and all our material needs are met.  
We return this as an offering  
for the work of your church among us and beyond us.  
Let your spirit enliven our caring  
and enrich our loving, in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayers of God's People

Choral Response: *MV 20, vs. 1*

**God of still waiting, God of deep longing,  
God of the heart's true rest:  
hold us in fathomless peace,  
guard us with unwaning love.**

**WE GO FORTH**

\* **Closing Hymn 194** – *Filled with the Spirit's Power*

\* Benediction

\* Choral Blessing: *MV 224*

**May the God of Peace and of all good,  
may the God of Peace and of all good,  
be always with you. Amen!  
May God's peace be with you. Amen!**

Postlude

*(The congregation is invited to hear the postlude in silence.)*



**WELCOME**

**We welcome** all who worship with us today, but especially our guests. We would like to have a chance to meet our visitors. Please sign the guest book at the main entrance doors and introduce yourself to the greeter in the foyer or to the minister. After worship, the congregation visits over refreshments in the lower hall and we hope you will join us.

If you would like the minister to call on you, please contact the church office (905 892-6433); the church office is open Tuesday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**Assisted Hearing Devices** are available at the back of the sanctuary for improved sound. Please feel free to ask an usher for a headset. As well, large print copies of the hymns are available at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to use them during the service.

**Ushers:** Larry and Margret Bousfield  
**Counters:** Harold Beamer and Keith Rae

**Announcements**

**Communion** will be celebrated on Sunday, June 3.

**A Cappella Niagara** will present their first annual Spring Concert this Saturday May 26 at 2:00 pm at Fonthill United Church. Tickets \$15; free for children 12 and under. Call 905 341-3415 to order.

**From the UCW** – In June, the UCW will be filling 50 ditty bags for Women's Place. Each bag contains a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap (in a soap dish if funds allow), deodorant, hairbrush and comb, shampoo and conditioner, hand lotion and a disposable razor. The approximate cost of filling a bag is \$12.00. If anyone would like to make a monetary contribution towards this project, please see Dora after church.

**A Bible Book Club?** – Several people have expressed an interest in learning more about what's in the Bible. If there is sufficient interest, a discussion group will be held either on Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings, beginning either in August or September. If you want to find out about the Bible you never knew and want to participate, please speak to Janet Hamilton or the church office.

## Community Events

### The Week Ahead

Tues.	May 22	9:00 am	Badminton
		9:00 am	Quilting
		3:00 pm	Music Lessons
		6:00 pm	A Cappella Niagara Practice
		7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed.	May 23	3:00 pm	Music Lessons
		6:30 pm	Cubs & Beavers
		7:00 pm	Refugee Committee Meeting
Thurs.	May 24	9:00 am	Badminton
		9:30 am	Quilting
		3:00 pm	Music Lessons
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:30 pm	Tai Chi
Sat.	May 26	2:00 pm	<b>A Cappella Niagara Concert</b>
Sun.	May 27	9:30 am	Worship Service



**Pentecost** is the moment  
when a heart of stone is shattered  
and a heart of flesh takes its place.

- *Father Raniero Cantalamessa*

**Lifelong Learning Niagara** is an organization providing learning programs and experiences for adults 50+ living in the Niagara region. Their goal is to present stimulating and enlightening educational programs and events that appeal to a broad range of interests within our community. They will hold a Spring Lecture Series at the Armenian Centre, 156 Martindale Road, St. Catharines on six consecutive Wednesdays, May 2-June 6 from 10 am to 12 pm; \$10 per lecture. Information sheets with details on all lectures are available on the bulletin board across from the coat room. You are welcome to take one home.

May 25 Harbour Lite Singers – presents “On Broadway and All That Jazz” at Central United, Port Colborne at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$15 at the door.

May 26 Garage & Bake Sale – at Wesley United Church from 8 – 11 am.

May 26 Plant Sale, Bake Sale & BBQ – at First Presbyterian Church, North Pelham from 10 am - 1 pm; BBQ lunch starting at 11 am.

May 26 Lasagna Supper – at Morgan’s Point United, Wainfleet at 6:00 pm. Tickets \$16 by reservation only. Call 905 899-3626.

June 3 The Velvetones – present “The Music Goes On” at the Welland Community Wellness Complex at 2 pm. Tickets \$10; call 905 735-1700.

June 3 Treblaires Show Choir - presents “Food, Glorious Food!” at Stamford Lane United Church, Niagara Falls at 3 pm. Tickets: \$10 adults, free for children 12 and under. Call Rhonda Baker 905 933-8477 or Mary 905 356-8384. \* *please bring a non-perishable item for the food bank.* \*\* This concert will also be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Welland on June 10 at 2 pm. For tickets call the church office at 905 734-3543 or Lori 905 931-4637.

June 3 “Grace Notes” will perform at Central United Church, Welland at 7 pm; tickets \$20. Proceeds will go to Cave Springs Camp Legacy Hall project.