

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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Pentecost

Then Peter stood up with the other disciples, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Beloved Ones of God! In the last days, God says: 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people.'"

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

100th Anniversary Reflection

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

There is something deep in the soul of every human being that is aware of the possibilities of light triumphing over darkness.

INTROIT: HWC 22

**Holy Holy Holy Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of Thee!
Heaven and earth are praising Thee.
O Lord most high.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place...

Today, we gather in many places and ways, yet we are one in heart!

Touched by the Spirit, the first disciples were enlivened.

By the Spirit, we live and thrive!

On the day of Pentecost, the Church was born.

Today, we celebrate 100 years of being the United Church!

In their gathering that day, people were changed by the Spirit.

In our gathering today we seek the Spirit's guidance for tomorrow

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With open hearts, let us worship God and pray for the Spirit's presence amongst us.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

OPENING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

Awesome God, on Pentecost, you gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to an expectant and united church. And by your Spirit, you bring us to this time and place to lift our hearts, minds, and bodies to worship you. Grant us the hope of the same Spirit in our life and worship. Help us to expect great things from you, and attempt great things for you! We are diverse in many ways, but our hearts are one in you. May we show the world the love we experience in Jesus, and the power we find in the Spirit as we seek to honour your dream. To your glory be our worship and witness. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE VU 240: "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The act of confession is a way that we admit to dampening the movement of the Spirit in our lives and the world. Let us reflect on the ways that we limit the movement of the Spirit.

Gracious God, time and again, you send us the gift of your Spirit. Time and again, you send us the gift of your dreams. Time and again, you love us back into being. And time and again, we turn away from you. Gracious God, forgive us for all the times we have twisted or forgotten your Good News, for all the times in which we have confused unity with "sameness", for all the times we have failed to let your Beloved Community inspire our living. We are sorry for the times we have tried to be the church without you, for the times we have doubted your presence and power to work in us, for the times we have believed the lie that there is not enough and we are not enough, forgive us. Take all the ways that we have fallen into hubris and fear, missing the mark as individuals and as a denomination, and in your mercy, help us to move into the future you have for us. Open our hearts, God. May your Spirit ignite your dream in us again! This we pray in Christ's holy and powerful name. Amen.

Dear Ones of God, receive these words and take heart: God poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, healing hearts and divisions, empowering the church to move forward in Christ's spirit. And God continues to pour out the Holy Spirit on us today. So, let us rejoice in God's love and forgiveness, and share this blessing with all those we meet, for we are forgiven, and we are blessed to be a blessing.

Thanks be to God! Amen

Lay Reader: George Dewar

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-17

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[□] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[□] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are

not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "'In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Come, Gracious Spirit" ~ arranged by D. Wood

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***SUNG RESPONSE:** VU 540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

***OFFERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

**We have witnessed the fruits of God's Spirit, in the faithful
ancestors who came before us building the church, in the humble
acknowledgement of wrongs and the seeking of reconciliation,
and in the works done for justice. We have witnessed God's
blessings, in communities gathered sharing love and grace and in
resources shared for the flourishing of all. With thanksgiving and
joy, we present our offerings this day for what has been and what
will come. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

(Lord hear our prayer, and in your love, answer)

MESSAGE: A Promise Fulfilled

COMMUNION HYMN VU 382 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

SACRAMENT of COMMUNION (see insert)

***CLOSING HYMN VU 375:** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Portions of this service taken from

A Service in Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada . Sunday, June 8, 2025, 7 pm NT Gower Street United Church St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador

Bible Study will resume with a look at James today, June 8th, from 11-12pm in the Friendship Room.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS and RESPONSIVE READINGS
are available on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.

AFTER WORSHIP, everyone is invited to stay
for refreshments and fellowship
in the Board Room & Friendship Room on the lower level.

PRAYER LIST

As we face life’s challenges, we are encouraged by those who surround us with their prayers. If you would like your name to appear on the prayer list, please tell the minister or a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Jun 15 – 9:30 am Sunday Service & Father’s Day

Jun 22 – 9:30 am Sunday Service

Jun 29 – 10 am Joint Worship Service at Fonthill United
with Fenwick United

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HOUSING HEROES ROCK!!! FEST: Saturday, September 20, 2025
4:00 PM – 11:00 PM TAPS Brewhouse Outdoor Stage - Queen Street,
Niagara Falls Bethlehem Housing is bringing the energy, music, and community spirit to TAPS Brewhouse in downtown Niagara Falls this fall! Join us for an unforgettable evening of live music, great local beer, and powerful purpose — all in support of safe, affordable housing and support programs for families in Niagara.

UCW LUNCHEON: Will be on June 11th 12pm at Janet’s home. All women welcome.

NO UCW: There will be no UCW meetings in July and August.

GAMES & SOCIAL: Will pick back up in the Fall.

The Outreach and Membership committee are planning a dinner in June when the lower hall is available. Date to be announced!

**TO MAKE A DONATION TO FONTHILL UNITED CHURCH,
YOU ARE WELCOME TO:**

- 1) Mail a cheque to the church at: Fonthill United Church, Box 926, Fonthill ON L0S 1E0.
- 2) Drop your cheque donation, anytime, through the mail slot in the exterior office door at the church.
- 3) Bring cash donations into the office when the church office is open.
- 4) Send an e-transfer to: fonthilu@vaxxine.com.
- 5) Sign up for the pre-authorized remittance program (PAR).
Contact the church office to register.

Donations on Sundays may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary. We thank you for your support!

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

Monday June 9	8:00 am	Montessori School
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Tuesday June 10	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
Wednesday June 11	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	12:00 pm	UCW Mtg @ Janet's
	1:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	2:30 pm	Music Lessons
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	A Cappella Practice
Thursday June 12	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	10:00 am	Walking Group
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday June 13	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	10:00 am	Preschool Father's Day
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	C. Willard Music Practice
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Saturday June 14	11:00 am	Music Lessons
Sunday June 15	9:30 am	Sunday Service & Father's Day

Church Office Hours for this week:
Mon-Fri - 8-12pm

Please call before coming in to ensure your needs can be met

Fonthill United Church

June 8, 2025 - Pentecost

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MISSION STATEMENT

Words inspire us. Music uplifts us.
United in God's love,
we strive to be an inclusive community,
learning together and supporting others with compassion.

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