

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
May 28, 2023 – Day of Pentecost

Praise Medley: Come and Touch Our Hearts, To God Be the Glory,
In the Garden, Come and Fill This Temple

Welcome and Announcements

Pentecost Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Introit: Spirit of Life **VU 381**

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 104:25-34, 35b)

O God, the earth is full of the many creatures you have made!

Praise God forever!

All living creatures depend on you to survive. You give food, and they gather it and are filled with good things.

Praise God forever!

When you hide your face, they are afraid. When you take their breath away, they die. But when you breathe life into them, they live and you give new life to the whole world.

Praise God forever!

We will sing to God forever! As long as we breathe, we will sing praises to God.

Praise God forever!

May our words please God. Our joy comes from God's presence.

Praise God forever!

Prayer of Approach (in unison)

Breathe on us, breath of God, and fill us with life anew. Help us love what you love and do what you would do. As we worship this day, may we glow with the fire divine, that we may become like Jesus, bringing healing and hope to a hurting world. Amen.

Hymn: Holy Spirit Rain Down

Moment in Time

Unveiling a Special Gift from the Quilting Group

Prayer of Confession:

We confess, O God, that the fire of your Spirit does not always glow as brightly within us as it could. Sometimes we almost blow out the fire

by wanting comforts, instead of your compassion;
by seeking power over others

instead of your passion for justice;

by holding on to our own judgements and opinions

instead of listening for your truths.

Forgive us, God, and open our hearts to you, that we may celebrate the Spirit within and among us, and so help bring your realm of peace on earth. (Silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon:

Like a gentle breeze, God fans the flames of our spirits within.

Like a strong wind, God wakes us up to the need to forgive and be forgiven.

Like a mighty storm, God cleans away the past and forces us to look at the future anew.

Awakened, forgiven, renewed, we are free to dance with the Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offertory: Grant Us, God, the Grace **VU 540**

Offertory Prayer:

We pray your Spirit rushes through us and these gifts of time and money. We feel your breath upon us offering new life, new beginnings, new opportunities and new ways of expressing our faith. Bless us and these gifts as we strive to increase our various ministries to be inclusive of all. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8
Luke 5:1-11

Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness **VU 375**

Sermon: **Reverend Nancy Mojica-Fisher**
'Casting Our Nets into the Deep Water'

Ministry of Music: It's the Spirit of God

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

Hymn: Come, O Holy Spirit

Benediction