



May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

Introit *Come O Holy Spirit, Come* VU 383
English, Yoruba, English

Call to Worship Charles Hitschfeld, Lay Leader

One: Come, O Holy Spirit, Come.

All: Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence.

One: Come, O Holy Spirit, Come.

All: Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

*Opening Hymn *Holy Spirit, Hear Us* VU 377

Children's Time Krystal Manuel

*Children's Song *Dance with the Spirit* MV 156

Children and youth are invited downstairs after this hymn. There is a family room for wee ones behind the piano from which the service can be seen and heard and a volunteer will assist you.

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Acts 2: 1-21

Anthem *Be Thou My Vision* (K. Pederson) RUC Choir

Reflection "Emblazoned" Rev. Valerie Oden

*Hymn of Response *She Comes Sailing on the Wind* VU 380

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pentecost Prayer by N. Townley, adapted, using *Spirit of Gentleness* VU 375

Sung: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free - Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

One: In the beginning, your Holy Spirit moved on the waters, bringing forth life in all its diversity: the stars and the planets, the vegetation, animals, and human beings.

All: When the people were forgetful and stubborn, your Holy Spirit called them to be unafraid. You led them through the desert to a land of sweet dwelling.

One: During all the times of fear and tumult, you sang the song of hope through the prophets and called the people into justice.

All: Your Spirit moved through the night and birthed Jesus, who came as bearer of your love, divine in human form.

One: He called the fishermen to come and follow him. Through him, they witnessed healing, forgiveness and all-inclusive love.

All: When the night seemed to be the darkest, you turned death into life and brought forth a new dawn.

One: Spirit of Gentleness, help us to dream dreams and see visions of all that is possible for the healing and hope for this world.

All: Emblazon our spirits. Make bold our voices. Give joy to our hearts; for we have been called to be witnesses, even to the ends of the world. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

Stewardship Moment

Charles Hitschfeld

Offering our Gifts

Offering plates can be found in the narthex. Electronic gifts are welcome by e-transfer to contactus@riverbendunited.org or on the church website. We give in gratitude for God's grace and in hope that peace may spread to all.

*Closing Hymn *I Feel the Winds of God* VU 625

*Benediction

*Musical Response *Spirit of Gentleness (Refrain only)* VU 375

Postlude Sherry Steele

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

“VU” refers to the red hardback hymnal *Voices United*

“MV” refers to the spiral bound songbook *More Voices*

Welcome to Riverbend United Church. If you're new with us, we would love to meet you. Feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pew, and/or **fill out a Welcome Card in the pews.** We'd love to know who you are!



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Sunday worship
10:30 a.m.