

Chilliwack United Church
The Day of Pentecost
10:30 a.m.

Welcome

Welcome & Greeting

Gathering Song & Lighting the Christ Candle

No. 375 (Chorus & Verse 1) "Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.
 You moved on the waters, you called from the deep
 then you coaxed up the mountains
 from the valleys of sleep
 and over the eons you called to each thing
 wake from your slumber and rise on our wings.

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Call to Worship

Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit!

The spirit blows among us like a gentle breeze.

Today, we celebrate the new life offered by the spirit!

The spirit fires us up with enthusiasm for Eternal Life.

Today, we celebrate the oneness we have in Christ.

The spirit opens our minds to new understanding.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Prayer of Approach (In Unison)
Gentle Spirit, loving God, breathe among us today with the promise of new life in you. Help us to be inspired to continue the work of the church begun so long ago and to open ourselves to be guided by your plan for each of us. Amen.

Hymn No. 380 VU “She Comes Sailing on the Wind”

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)
Holy God, too often we half-heartedly go through the motions of living as though we are waiting for our real lives to begin. We reserve our energy for things that might happen in the future forgetting that we are now living in what might, in the future, become 'the good old days'...
- A moment of silent reflection -

Words of Assurance

God forgives our lack of understanding. God will wait for us to see that the spirit among us is not for 'some day'. It is the energy of love that is available to us right now.

Thanks be to God!

Theme Conversation

Hymn No. 6 MV “Holy Spirit, Come Into Our Lives”

Scripture

New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-21
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of

them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Responsive Psalm No. 104

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Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them

in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Reflection

Hymn No. 382 VU “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Life & Work of the Church

Presentation of Our Offering

Sung Response

No. 542 VU

We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.

Prayer of Dedication

(In Unison)

Accept these gifts, O God, freely given in response to our many blessings. May they be used to further the work begun by the church whose birthday we celebrate today. Amen.

Hymn No. 376 VU "Spirit of the Living God"
(One verse sung softly while seated)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (See Insert)

Hymn No. 625 VU "I Feel the Winds of God Today"

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Blessing No. 649 VU

- Sing Twice -

(You are invited to join hands with those around you to form a "blessings circle")

Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.

Postlude

*The church has a supply of **hearing units** for improved sound in the sanctuary. If you wish to use a set for the Sunday service, please pick one up from the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary.*

Announcements

Leading the Service Today:

Worship Leaders; Carolyn Gaunt, Rev. Dr. Rob Lees

Musician; Rod Swanson

Music Director; Marilyn Taves

Reader; Thompson Opendries

**Lectionary Readings for June 11, 2017
Trinity Sunday**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Psalm 8
Matthew 28:16-20

I wish to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers that filled in at the church office during my recovery, and to everyone for their prayers, visits and good wishes. Your help and support was appreciated more than you know. I did return to work on Monday, May 29. I apologize if the announcements in this bulletin are not complete or are inaccurate. I've been out of the loop for a while. If I have missed something and you would like to see it included next week, send me an email to chwkuc@shaw.ca

Budget Summary

Average Weekly Revenue Required to Service our 2017 Operating Budget	\$ 3,559.00
Average Weekly Revenue to April 30, 2017	2,767.00
<i>Deficit as of April 30, 2017</i>	<i>(21,343.00)</i>
<i>Deficit as of April 30, 2016</i>	<i>(7,380.00)</i>
Average Mission & Service Weekly Revenue Required to Service our 2017 Objective	\$ 221.00
Average Mission & Service Weekly Revenue Received to April 30, 2017	389.00
<i>Mission & Service Funds Received to Date – April 30, 2017</i>	<i>3,281.00</i>
<i>Mission & Service Funds Received to Date – April 30, 2016</i>	<i>4,463.00</i>

For your information, complete regular Monthly Financial Statements are posted in the Narthex on the bulletin board next to the ramp.

Keep on top of the latest news! Be sure to contact the church office at 604-792-4634 or email chwkuc@shaw.ca , and add your name to our email list!



Thank you so much to everyone who took part in planning the Bit of British Fundraiser, which took place yesterday. It was a sell out and a HUGE success! Your very hard work has not gone unnoticed, or unappreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENT CORRECTION: Octogenarian Tea – The Octogenarian Tea on Thursday, June 15 will take place at 1:30 p.m., not 1:00 p.m. as previously advertised.

The next meeting of the United Church Women is on Monday, June 12 at 12:15 for pot luck finger food. A meeting will follow, including an election. Buddies will be matched up for the coming year. Make sure you are on the list if you wish to be included. Contact Laureen Beaton or Sandra Jacob.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 25 following Worship

The purpose of this meeting is to hear and approve the Nomination Report and to hear a report from the Chilliwack United Futures Planning Group. Food will be provided for an ***“Indoor Picnic”***. Come and enjoy.

Mark your calendar for a bus trip to Westminster Abbey in Mission on Wednesday, June 28. The bus will be leaving our parking lot at 9:30 a.m. You will have an opportunity to tour the Abbey and attend Midday Prayers. The cost is \$25. Sign up in the Narthex or at the church office.

The Mission Ministry Unit continues to collect food items for the Cyrus Centre for their House on Wellington Ave. They provide shelter and services for “at Risk Teens” and require items for lunches. Specifically, we are collecting peanut butter, Cheese Whiz and margarine. They also need breakfast cereal. Bring your donations to church for delivery.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the local Salvation Army Food Bank. Please place your donations in the Salvation Army bin located in our Narthex.

Our Chilliwack United Church Women continue to collect postage stamps. The stamps are collected for Eastern Star and are used to purchase cancer dressings.

The Theology and Practice of Mentoring – Tuesday, June 20 to Thursday, June 22 at Loon Lake Lodge & Retreat Centre, Maple Ridge. In critical moments in our lives mentors can provide just the assurance, inspiration and guidance we need to flourish. Contact the church office for registration information 604-792-4634.

First United Church Mission 10th Annual Golf Tournament – May 29, 2017. This Golf Tournament for the Homeless is a fundraising event benefiting the work and programs of First United. Golfers of all abilities, from novice to pro, are invited to join us at University Golf Club. The day starts at 1:00 p.m. with a Shotgun Start with teams of 4 playing a Texas Scramble. Visit <https://firstunited.ca/golf2017/> for more information.

The Young People's Opera Society of BC is hosting a one night only benefit performance of their current production, SCENIC ADVENTURES, at Bethany Newton United Church, 14853 – 60 Ave., Surrey on Friday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students.

**Chilliwack United Church
Monday, June 5 to Sunday, June 11**

Monday, June 5

No meetings scheduled for today.

Tuesday, June 6

1:00 Thrift Shop Open

Wednesday, June 7

9:00 Chilliwack United Future Committee

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

10:30 Drop In Bible Study

1:30 Celebration Ministry Unit

Thursday, June 8

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

Friday, June 9

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

10:30 Mission Ministry Unit

Saturday, June 10

12:00 Kiwanis Soup Kitchen

1:00 Thrift Shop Open

Sunday, June 11

10:30 All Ages Worship Service

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***Minute for Mission
A Call to Leadership***

Our gifts for Mission & Service support theological schools like St. Andrew's Theological College in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Let us hear the reflection of Principal Lorne Calvert.

“Our United Church of Canada has initiated a new campaign to attract people to ordered ministry under the theme ‘God’s World Needs Leaders.’ As a college whose mission is to offer justice-driven education for Christian leadership, we welcome this undertaking.

“Our ministers are responsible for leading, guiding, and supporting the community of faith in the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ. They touch people’s lives at various points of joy, pain, celebration, and vulnerability in a variety of ways—by leading in worship, by providing pastoral care, by standing with those who suffer, and by working for justice and peace.

“With the help of St. Andrew’s alumni the college is being equipped with new technology to provide our students with the best possible options for online and distance learning. We are reaching out to establish new partnerships locally and internationally for educational opportunities. Through the work of our faculty beyond the classroom we offer cutting-edge theology and scholarship.

“We seek to be the affirming, justice-driven, and welcoming community that we are called to be. All of this we strive for because God’s world needs leaders.”

We sing thanksgiving for the commitment of United Church theological schools that our gifts for Mission & Service support!

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

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