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*Our Mission...*

*to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.*

*We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.*

The Day of Pentecost  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

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***Bold print*** indicates a congregational response.

## **WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY**

### **WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

*Friends, welcome to North Kildonan United Church on this Pentecost Sunday, the 23<sup>d</sup> of May, 2021.*

*In keeping with recent Provincial Health Orders which restrict congregational gathering for worship, our service this day is being recorded and led by Wilma, our Office Administrator, Michael our Musician and myself, Rev. Don Johnson, Minister of the Congregation. To respect the Provincial Order, only the three of us are present in the sanctuary this day.*

*We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.*

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*The light of Christ rises in glory,  
overcoming the darkness of sin and death.*

### **PRELUDE: VU#198 - "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"**

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*~ words by Janie Alford*

*~Michael McKay*

- 3 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,  
give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise you,  
glorify your holy name.  
God, all holy, Son and Spirit,  
three in one: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas  
now and through eternity.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,  
and kindle in us the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Faithful God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter  
by sending your Holy Spirit  
and opening the way of eternal life to all the human race.  
Keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The First Lesson

**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."*

## The Gospel

**John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15**

*'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.*

*'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.*

**RESPONSE:** *May God bless to us the reading of God's holy Word. Amen.*

**SERMON:** **"The Day of Pentecost"**  
*~Rev. Don Johnson (see the attached sermon)*

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

## PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

*God's blessing be yours, and well may it befall you;  
Christ's blessing be yours, and well may you be treated;  
the Spirit's blessing be yours, and well may you spend your lives,  
each day that you rise up, each night that you lie down. Amen.*

## POSTLUDE: "The Rustle of Spring"

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*~music by Christian Sinding*

*~Michael McKay*

*"And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house..." (Acts 2:2)*