

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements

Gathering Song:

As we are gathered Jesus is here
One with each other, Jesus is here
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood
Part of the body, the church of God
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Call to Worship:

L: We are the Easter people!

P: We have witnessed the Resurrection of our Lord.

L: We are now called to be people of the Pentecost.

P: We are called to boldly share the good news of God's love.

L: Open your hearts, O people, to God's great power and love.

P: We open our hearts to hear God's word for us and to joyfully proclaim Jesus Christ as our Savior. AMEN.

Singing: *God, Whose Almighty Word* VU#313

Prayer and Lord's Prayer ~ Gracious God, on this day of Pentecost we celebrate the coming of Your Spirit in power upon Your Church. We praise You that in all times and places Your Spirit has moved in and among Your people, bringing energy, purpose and joy. Lord God, You know us so well. You know that we are like the disciples following the crucifixion and even the resurrection. We would rather hide and mutter and weep, than proclaim the power of Your love. The world is a difficult place. We fear so much. We want people to like us, and so we hold back on our proclamation of our faith. We don't want to offend anyone. But Your love and presence are not offensive. They are empowering and healing. Bring Your loving Presence upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our hearts and our voices. Bring the power of Your rushing wind through our spirits that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness. We pray as Jesus taught us....

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.

Words of Assurance: God's awesome love is offered to you, even when you fear or are unsure of your faith. Know that God is with you. Be not afraid. Hallelujah!

Anthem: *Jesus in the Morning*

Children's Time ~

Singing: There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings, We lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived.
When we shall leave this place.**

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Chorus

If you say He saved you from your sin;
Now you're weak, you're bound and cannot enter in.
You can make it right if you will yield;
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

Chorus

**Scripture Readings: John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15; p. 878
Acts 2: 1-21 p. 885**

Reflections: The Helper

Singing: *On Pentecost They Gathered* VU#195

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Singing: *The Spring Has Come* VU#187

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer: May we relinquish these gifts from our power, Lord, so they can be instruments of Your power. May Your Spirit receive them, enrich them, and invest them according to Your divine will. Amen

Invitation to Holy Communion

Singing: *We Gather Here* VU#469

Celebration of Holy Communion

Singing: *Filled with the Spirit's Power* VU#194

Benediction

Choral Benediction ~

O let the power fall on me, my Lord,
Let the power fall on me;
O let the power from heaven fall on me,
Let the power fall on me.

We extend the hand of Christian Fellowship to our visitors & ask you to sign the visitors' book. We hope you'll return next Sunday. You are invited to Memorial Hall for coffee & conversation. Serving you this morning is the Session.

Please Pray For: The family of Neebin Armstrong, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Larry Brazier, Brigida, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Dan Gingras, Gladys, Richard Hilton, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marie Loch, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Ross McKeating, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Jamie Moreau, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Margaret Reany & family, Cheryl Rogers, Fred Rosettani, Bruce Ryan, Isabel Saccucci, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Lesley Snair, Dylan Stanamir, Frank Stark, Madeline Stevens, Jan Verschoote, Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman.

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- **Baby Bottles**, a great way to help out a great cause...the **Options Crisis Pregnancy Center** here in Chateauguy. The campaign is on now until Father's Day. Bottles to take home (and hopefully fill with your loose change, paper bills, checks) are available at coffee time in Memorial Hall. Your support is greatly appreciated.
- The **Gideons' garage sale** (May 26th) has been cancelled for the time being.
- We hope you will join us for the Strawberry Social – June 21. Please buy your tickets in advance as seating is limited.

Reminders

- Our food pantry needs canned meat and canned fruit. Thank you for your generosity.
- Please save your nickels and dimes to support the Sunday School.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
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Wednesday	8:00 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

185th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2018
~WORSHIP~
May 20, 2018 ~ 10:30 am
Pentecost Sunday



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To greet you ~

Elder: Les Sorg

Stewards: Norm Elkin & Cliff Henderson