



**The United Church of Canada  
Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council  
West Island Riverside United Cluster**

Order of Worship 10:30 am

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

Beaconsfield United Church

In person "202 Woodside Rd, Beaconsfield, Quebec H9W 2P1

Online Zoom: Meeting ID: 822 5844 4385, Passcode: 848992

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**We Gather**

**Prelude:** Spirit of God, descend upon my heart (VU#378 Instrumental)

**Welcome**

**Thanksgiving for the Land and Call to Reconciliation**

...May we learn from each other the ways of a loving Creator,  
may we live with others with respect in all creation.

**Call to Worship**

Take a breath. Feel the presence of God' s Spirit fill your lungs!  
Feel the warmth of this place and the warmth of those around you in this  
community of faith.

**We can feel God' s fire burning inside of us, God' s Spirit moving in this  
place!**

Ouvrez-vous aux merveilles de la création de Dieu, vivant et œuvrant dans nos  
vies. (Open yourself to the wonders of God' s creation, living and working in  
our lives.)

Dieu nous rassemble pour aider ceux qui nous entourent et nous ouvrir à l' aide qui nous est offerte.

(God brings us together to help those around us and to be open to help offered to us.)

This is a sacred place, a wonderful space, a gathering spot filled with care and love.

**By the wonder of the Spirit, we are God's presence. We have come to live into our call! Come Holy Spirit! Come!**

[Eric Hébert-Daly, Gathering Pent 1 2023 (Year A), pg26.]

**Opening Hymn: MV # 23 "Come O Holy Spirit"**

### **Opening Prayer**

Holy Spirit, Fire, you warm our hearts with love.

**We know you are here, guiding us to love, kindness, and patience. We feel your presence calling us to embody your presence to others.**

Holy Spirit, Fire, you burn in our hearts with love for all.

**You reveal to us your insistent desire for justice and compassion. You won't let us ignore anyone who is broken-hearted, hungry, or cold, for they are the familiar person of Jesus to you.**

Holy Spirit, Fire, you ignite our hearts with truth and beauty.

**You who hovered over the face of the deep at the dawn of the world, you call us to participate in creation by making something new as a reflection of your image in our lives. Holy Spirit, Fire, you warm and ignite us for serving in love. Amen.**

[Karen Pryznyk, Gathering Pent 1 2023 (Year A), p. 27.]

**Anthem : "Enemy of Apathy" (The Iona Community)**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, as people of faith, we confess that we have not always followed in your path.

**We declare that we have hope and faith in you but, at times, our hearts are touched with despair. We are called to share your gift of love but, at times, we have hoarded your gifts for our own benefit.**

Loving God, we pray that as you journey with us, you will set us on your path. Free us from the power of the distractions, biases, and prejudice of this world that separate us from you. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance**

**Sharing the Peace:**

**Hymn:** “You Turned My Mourning into Dancing” (Psalm 30)

**To Hear the Word of God**

**Scripture:** Acts 2:1-12

**Sermon**

**And to Respond**

**Hymn:** Souffle du Saint Esprit VU# 375 (en français)

**It' s Offering Time! It' s Blessing Time!**

**Sung Response ( “Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving” )**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving by Community of Faith**

**Offering**

**All that we have is from you, Creator.  
With these gifts, we seek to be like you:  
creating a world where love is known,  
sharing the goodness of beauty and kindness,  
blessing our neighbours with our faith in action.  
Bless these gifts and may they be a sign  
of our co-creating ministry in your name. Amen.**

**Repeat of “Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving”**

**Children' s Church Shares:**

**Communion Liturgy**

**Invitation & Instructions**

**We Come to the Table of Christ**

**Faith glows like coals within our hearts.  
At this table, Jesus blows on those coals.  
Together, gathered as one,  
We are God' s blaze of joy.  
We come; we yearn; we hunger; we thirst.**

Join together at this table, Christ' s table,  
For the invitation is for all  
Who burn with Spirit fire,  
For all who wish to taste and see that God is good.  
**Wondering, wishing for wholeness, welcomed,  
We accept the invitation and join the fire.**

**Hymn: He Came Singing Love VU359 (verses1-3)**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Spirit who breathed life into the church be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give God our thanks and our praise.

**It is right to give God our thanks and our praise.**

We are a village of faith,

Surrounded by witnesses of now and then.

**We remember.**

What do you remember?

**The covenant lived out millennia, upon millennia,  
God' s call to be a people of faith made for self-giving.**

**We Remember.**

Who do you remember of the covenant?

We remember Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, Ruth and Naomi,  
David and Jonathan, and prophets of times present and times past.

We Remember.

How did we respond?

**With rejection, for those we remember were scorned.**

**The way of the covenant seemed too hard.**

**We Remember.**

What was God' s response?

Love. We were loved even as we turned away,  
for God' s heart is an open door for us all.

**We Remember.**

Why, then, do we gather at this table?

Jesus came, just a jewish peasant, but God' s son even so.  
He taught. He healed. He lived love.

Then he shared one last meal with his friends.

**We Remember.**

### Words of Institution

...Surely all who knew Jesus followed as he called them?

No, for the powers of doubt and of certainty were feared.

What did they fear?

They feared their world turning upside down, that power and wealth and popularity meant nothing. They feared what they couldn't understand.

What did they do?

Jesus was arrested, beaten, and badgered, accused of blasphemy and of treason. He was crucified and died.

What is our hope after all that?

Our hope rests in God's continued response of love, for Jesus rose and lives among us even now.

How, then, do we react to such mystery?

We celebrate here at table, gathered as companions on faith's journey, for Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

### The Lord's Prayer – *Many Languages*

Awesome Creator, we come to this table together, as one community, as the body of Christ. Holy Spirit, move and breathe in this place, be among us as we share at this table, inspire us to greater love as we share these gifts of food and drink, empower us to better understand the hope you have in us.

For what do we pray?

All: We pray, O God of persuasive power and subtle might, that your Spirit may burn within us and light what we do, blessing this bread and this drink, equipping us to follow where Christ leads. Amen.

The table as been set, and there is room for all who feel led by the Holy Spirit. bread for the journey, the cup of God's blessing.

Hymn: Long before the Night VU282

### Prayer after Communion

What do we say after reception of God's gracious gift?

All: We pray that the food we have eaten, that the drink we have tasted, may change how we live our lives. May we be blessed to live as disciples, called, sustained, and equipped for love. Amen.

Hymn: He Came Singing Love VU359 (verse 4)

Invitation to the summer & lunch information

Commissioning

Sung Blessing “Dance With The Spirit (Early in the morning)” MV156

Postlude: Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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*The WIRUC Cluster is a group of United Churches on the West Island and North Shore of Montreal who have come together to share and collaborate in worship, ministry, and social justice.*

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