

# St. James United Church

May 19, 2013  
Day of Pentecost

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Choir:	Senior

## Organ Prelude

## Welcome



## Introit

### Call to Worship: (unison)

Come with the wind and the flames, and find inspiration. Come with the diversity of racial groups, and find harmony. Come with those who freely share, and find generosity. Come to worship and give thanks, and find joyful prayer and the Word that challenges.

### Opening Prayer: (unison)

O God, who sent your Spirit as a dove to be with Jesus, who came as tongues of fire and danced over the disciples: come, be with us. Come, Spirit—as light in darkness, as wind in stillness. Come, Spirit—as rain restoring freshness, as showers that urge the seeds to grow. Come, Spirit—be in our midst that we might be with you and grow through your Spirit. Amen.

**Hymn:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 333

## Time with the Children

### Hymn: Called by Earth and Sky

Chorus: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.

1. Precious these waters, endless seas,  
deep ocean's dream, waters of healing,  
rivers of rain, the wash of love again.
2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe;  
wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,  
blow through this place, our gathering and our grace.
3. Precious these mountains, ancient sands;  
vast fragile land. Seeds of our waking,  
rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song.
4. Precious the fire that lights our way,  
bright dawning day. Fire of passion,  
sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

### Offertory Invitation: (unison)

May we be moved by the winds of God's gentle Spirit to present our gifts. When our gifts are linked to the gifts of others, we can do so much more together. Let us now offer what we have so that God's grace can multiply our offering for the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

### Offertory

**Offertory Hymn:** Spirit of Life  
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### Offertory Prayer: ( unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the love that makes Christ real within us and opens us to unity in the Spirit. We give you thanks for the new life of spring and for the new life of the risen Christ in our lives. We offer these fruits of our time, our labour, and our commitment, that they may be turned to your purposes for the sake of the world you love.

## Life and Work of St. James

**Prayer of Confession:** (unison)

Generous God, you give us the gift of your Spirit, but we confess that we have not known how to use it. You send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.

**Words of Assurance:**

God's unfailing love sustains and upholds us; God will never let us go. Where the Spirit is, there is freedom. Receive God's forgiveness. Come alive in Christ and the Spirit!

**The Word of God**



**Epistle:**

Acts 2: 1-21

*The Spirit comes on the Day of Pentecost.*

**Responsive Psalm:**

Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b

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*God and Wisdom create the Earth's creatures.*

**Anthem**

**Gospel:**

John 14: 8-17, 25-27

*God will send you the Spirit of truth.*

**Hymn:**

Breath on Me, Breath of God

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**Sermon:** *The Birthday of the Christian Church*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer:** (unison)

**Hymn:** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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**Commissioning:** (unison)

May the Spirit of God, into our minutes and days, breathe purpose. May the Spirit of God, into our families and relationships, breathe faithfulness. May the Spirit of God, into our church, breathe a new commitment to God's way. Through all, enfolding all, permeating all, may the Spirit of God, strong rushing wind and gentle breeze, breathe love.

**Choral Benediction**

Organ Postlude

Resources for our worship service taken from *Gathering, Lent and Easter 2013, Worship for All Seasons 2 & Celebrate God's Presence.*



**Head Usher:** Jennifer Hill

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