

# St. James United Church

June 8, 2014

Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry  
 Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
 Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
 Organist and Senior Choir Director: Christine Tiller  
 Choir: Senior

**Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.**  
**Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.**

**Organ Prelude:** *The Kingsfold Trumpet* Fedak

**Welcome and Life and Work of St. James**



**Introit:** *O Breath of Life Come Sweeping Through Us* Hammond

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: Listen, can you hear the wind?

**All: Come, Holy Spirit; come!**

One: Look, can you see the dancing flames?

**All: Come, Holy Spirit; come!**

One: Can you hear the message in a language you can understand?

**All: Come, Holy Spirit; come!**

One: Do you see the visions? Can you dream the dreams?

**All: Come, Holy Spirit; come!**

One: Come, let Pentecost become real in our lives this morning.

Come and worship our God who sends the Spirit to touch us and transform us into Pentecost people.

**Opening Prayer:** (together)

Spirit of God, we long to be open to Your presence in our church and in our lives. Fill us with Your wind and fire, that we might be enlivened again.

Help us hear the words as if for the first time, that they might touch us anew. Give us visions and dreams of what You long for in Your creation, that we might begin to live them into reality. Come, Spirit; come into our worship, into our church, into our very selves. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* 375

**Children's Time**

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**Hymn:** *Spirit Be Our Breath of Life* (Michael Row the Boat Ashore)

Spirit be the breath of life, Alleluia!

Spirit be the breath of life, Alleluia!

Spirit, be our wind of change, Alleluia!

Spirit, help us share our gifts, Alleluia!

Spirit, help us live God's love, Alleluia!

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Pentecost people! We have received gifts too numerous to count. Now we have a chance to give in thanks and joy. Your offering will enable this church to be a Pentecost presence in this community and the world—to reach out in passionate commitment and bring the wind and fire of the Spirit to a people and a world that so desperately need it.

**Organ Offertory:** *Woodland Flute Song* Smith

**Offertory Hymn:** *Spirit of Life* 381

**Offertory Prayer:** (together)

For all You have given, for all we have received, we give You thanks. We bring before You our gifts of substance and the gift of our lives. We bring our passion and joy and surprise, our visions and dreams. May they refresh and enliven our church and community, as the wind of your Spirit did long ago. Amen.

**1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13** One Spirit; many gifts.

**Anthem :** *Come Holy Spirit* Butler

**Acts 2 : 1-21** The Holy Spirit comes in wind and flame.

**Meditation**

**Hymn:** *Here I Am, Lord* 509

*Baptism/Confirmation*

**Introduction**

**Presentation of Candidates:**

Nicholas Adams, Jennifer Bartlett, Madeline King, Daniel Penney,  
Brian Ramjattan, Jacob Ryan, Eric Thomas, Jenna White  
Ada (Horwood) Lamswood (*Profession of Faith*)

*Profession of Faith and Promises*

**Congregational Commitment:**

One: Let us pledge to these persons our continued support and care:

**All: We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you.**

**With God`s help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in  
Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in  
prayer, encouraging one another in God`s work.**

**Affirmation of Faith:** A New Creed 918

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of Water*

*Laying on of Hands*

*Presentation of Bibles and Certificates*

**Prayers for the Candidates:** (together)

Gracious God, giver of life, You have called us by name, and pledged to each of us Your faithful love. We pray today for Your blessing on them, watch over them and guide them as they continue to grow in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in You. Strengthen us to do Your will, and to serve You with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Blessing:**

May God`s breath stream within you.  
May God`s breath renew you.  
May God`s breath invigorate you.  
To walk with confidence into all your days.

*Communion*

**Hymn:** *I Come with Joy* 477

**Invitation:** (responsive)

One: Let us gather as God`s people.

**All: We come open to God`s grace.**

One: We lift up our lives, our hearts, our strength;

**All: we lift up ourselves to God.**

One: We offer our thanks to God;

**All: it is right to give our thanks to God.**

**Narrative**

**The Lord`s Prayer**

**Invitation to the table**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer Following Communion**

**Closing Hymn:** *Go to the World* 420

**Benediction:** (responsive)

One: Go forth now as Pentecost people, filled with the Spirit, dreaming dreams, and seeing visions of God's possibilities .

**All: We go forth, knowing we are beloved and blessed by a God who never leaves us alone.**

One: Go, to be surprised by the Spirit in all that you do and everywhere that you go.

**All: We go, claiming our identity as Pentecost people—people of wind and fire, dreams and visions, people filled with that most amazing and transforming Spirit. Amen.**

**Organ Postlude:** *Tuba Tune* C.S.Lang

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**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Usher in Charge:** Michelle Skinner

**Greeters:** Wayne and Sophie Skinner

**Ushers:** Marilyn & Gordon Adams, Gloria le Feuvre



**Communion Servers:** Ben King, Allison Bartlett, Kate Bartlett, Reid Crowther