

# Tsawwassen United Church

Pentecost Sunday

May 27, 2007, 10:00 AM

*'Pentecost' is the Greek word for the Jewish festival of Shavuot which takes place 50 days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter the apostles were gathered together in Jerusalem. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit rushed through the room like a mighty wind and tongues of fire appeared over the apostle's heads. In the Christian Church we celebrate this day with colours of red and orange and yellow to remind us of the way in which the Spirit of God 'fires up' Jesus' followers.*

***The congregation is asked to participate when the words are in bold print and to stand when willing and able at those places marked "\*".***

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE: Come Down, Holy Spirit

~ David Paxton

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: On Pentecost They Gathered

VU 195

TIME OF GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SILENCE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *(with Robbie Binnie & John Gary)*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Holy Spirit comes like a fresh wind

**blowing love into our hearts.**

The Holy Spirit comes like a new fire,

**blazing hope in our hearts.**

The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to all!

**Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER:

**O Great and Glorious God, on Pentecost you came  
in startling wind and refining fire.**

**To our forbears you came with renewing strength and fiery hope.**

**Come to us this day, O God,**

**that we may know and celebrate your Spirit in our midst.**

**Then send us out into the world**

**in the name of your Son Jesus.**

**Amen.**

EXPLORING OUR FAITH WITH THE CHILDREN

*(After this the children stay in the Sanctuary.)*

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

\*HYMN: Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth VU 207

READING: (*Reader: Rhonda Arnason*)  
Genesis 11:1–9 pew Bible O.T. page 8

REFLECTIONS (*Senior Youth Group*)

\*HYMN: Spirit of the Living God VU 376

READING: (*Reader: Member of Senior Youth Group*)  
Acts 2:1–21 pew Bible N.T. page 112

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: Filled With the Spirit ~ *Nancy Price and Don Besig*

REFLECTIONS

One: Holy Spirit, come.

**All: Stretch our minds and hearts,  
that we may boldly proclaim your gospel.**

\*HYMN: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU 375

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: Spirit Presence ~ *Roy Danielson*

\*SUNG RESPONSE: There's a Spirit in the Air VU 582, v. 1&4

**There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world."**

**Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**Loving God, open our hearts  
that we may feel the breath and play of your Spirit.  
Open our lips that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life.  
Open our eyes that we may see Christ in friend and stranger.  
Now use these, our gifts, to make a difference in your world.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS / THE PRAYER OF JESUS

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN: Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

VU 198

\*GOING FORTH:

**May the fire of the Holy Spirit warm our hearts.  
May the wind of the Holy Spirit inspire us.  
May we see visions, dream dreams,  
and be God's prophets of hope and peace.  
Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*~ arr. by Robert Wetzler*