



## Sunday Morning Worship

June 9, 2019

10:30 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday (and almost the 94th birthday of the United Church of Canada)

**Our mission: to join God in making connections  
with God  
with each other  
with creation  
with our own true selves.**

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Knox United Church is a member of the Affirming Ministries Program, a network of United Church congregations and ministries that declare themselves to be fully inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.



Ministers: Rev. Dr. Greg Glatz and Rev. Dr. Dave Holmes

Music director: Chellan Hoffman

**Welcome to Sunday worship at Knox.** Grab a coffee and join a conversation before the service, or enjoy some time alone. The prelude will begin about five minutes before worship. At that time, we encourage everyone to take a seat and reflect in silence.

**Sunday worship is a spiritual practice** in which we gather in community to deepen our experience of God connecting people to God, connecting people to each other, connecting people to their own selves, and connecting people to creation.

**Welcome children!** The Studio in the NW corner of the sanctuary is staffed and set up so that kids can enjoy activities created especially for them as they engage with the worship service.

**How to follow along.** An asterisk indicates places in our worship where the congregation is invited to stand in body and/or spirit. VU stands for Voices United (the red hymnal) and MV stands for More Voices (the spiral-bound hymnal).

**Today's theme.** Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the birth of the church. The usual Pentecost story that goes with that is the story of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples in the upper room, and empowering them with the ability to speak several languages! But that's not our story this morning. This morning's reading comes from the Farewell Discourses in John, in which Jesus is preparing his disciples for the kind of world in which we live -- a world in which Jesus is not physically present. Jesus does two things in this reading: he appears to promise to do anything we ask (as long as we ask properly) and he promises another Godly presence with us, that he calls the Advocate. So what do these things mean for us today?

## **Gathering the beloved community**

**Prelude** Holy Spirit, Light Divine (Healey Willan)  
Loving Spirit (Emma Lou Diemer)

**Welcome**

**Passing the Peace**

**Singing Together\*** Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us (VU 198)

## **Listening for God's voice**

A brief reflection on the Trinity

### **Scripture Lesson**

**John 14:8-17, 25-27**

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

### **Today's Message**

**An antidote to fear**

Dave Holmes

### **Responding to God's call**

### **Singing Together\***

**Breathe on Me, Breath of God (VU 382)**

## Candle Lighting

We light a candle for many purposes: to illuminate darkness, dedicate prayers, solidify intentions, offer blessings, evoke Spirit, or to nourish grateful living. Candle lighting connects us to a stillness within and to a global community contemplating change and transformation in our world.

If you choose, you can also make an offering or fill out a prayer request card. Members of our healing ministry are available for anointing and blessing prayer.

**Music:** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (Joe Utterback)*

## Prayers of the People

Our prayers this morning will be **entirely sung**. We'll sing **Veni Sancte Spiritus (VU #208)** -- which just means "Come, Holy Spirit" -- over and over. We encourage you to find the harmony part that best suits your voice. As you sing, imagine the various people, and situations, into which you would like the love and Spirit of God to move, to heal and to make whole and to empower. As we sing, soloists (*Pat Place and Kate MacQuarrie*) will also add prayers over top of our singing. We will close our time of prayer by **singing the Lord's Prayer**, found on the laminated sheet in the pew.

**Singing Together\*** Spirit God, be Our Breath (MV 150)

**Blessing\***

**Postlude** Veni, Creator Spiritus (Flor Peeters)

Thank you for worshipping at Knox today.  
Coffee and cookies are served in Knox Hall (the gym) after the service.  
Sanctuary Coffee is upgrading. Reopening soon