

24 May 2026
Pentecost Sunday

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Centring and Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: Come, Holy Spirit

All: The wind of God, the breath of Life

One: Come, Holy Spirit

All: Our Advocate, our Counselor

One: Come, Holy Spirit

All: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ

One: Come, Holy Spirit

All: Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace

One: Come, Holy Spirit

All: Blow from the east and the west, the north and the south

One: Blow into our lives, Breath of God, and infuse our worship.

May we feel God's Spirit, closer to us than breathing,

Setting us on fire for justice and love and compassion. Amen

Affirming statement:

All: As an Affirming Ministry we boldly declare that we fully welcome and include the full participation of all people in the life and work of Ministry as we journey together, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, marital status, mental or physical ability, beliefs, cultural backgrounds, or economic circumstance. We are dedicated to being good stewards of God's world, working and living towards justice and wholeness for all God's people.

Hymn:

MV 4 All Who are Thirsty

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All who are thirsty,

all who are weak,

come to the fountain.

Dip your heart in the stream of life,

Let the pain and the sorrow

**be washed away
in the waves of his mercy
as deep cries out to deep.
We sing Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

**All who are thirsty,
all who are weak,
come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life,
Let the pain and the sorrow
be washed away
in the waves of his mercy
as deep cries out to deep.
We sing Holy Spirit, Come
Holy Spirit, Come
Holy Spirit, Come
Holy Spirit, Come**

Welcoming New Members

Profession of Faith and Commitment

Question 1 – Faith

One: Do you affirm your faith in God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer;
the beating heart of Love and the centre of the Universe
that holds us all together, and do you affirm your desire
to follow the way of Jesus?

Response of new members: *I do, with God's help.*

Question 2 – Choosing This Community

One: Do you choose to be part of Brechin United Church,
and the United Church of Canada, and to share in its life—
learning, questioning, serving, and growing together?

Response of new members: *I do, with God's help.*

Question 3 – Shared Calling

One: Will you join with this community in loving others, seeking justice,
caring for creation, and living your faith with courage and hope?

Response of new members: *I will, with God's help.*

Question 4 – Transferring membership

One: Some of you here have transferred your membership from other
United Churches – will you join in this particular community,
Brechin United Church – as we commit to being a Compassionate
Relevant, Inclusive and Spirit-Centred presence in Nanaimo?

Response of transferees: *I will, with God's help*

Commitment of the Congregation

One: We are not just individuals—we are a community.
And being community means we make promises to one another.
Will you welcome these new members with open hearts,
and commit yourselves to being a compassionate, relevant, inclusive,
and Spirit-centred community—walking together in love,
learning from one another, and supporting each other in faith?

Congregational Response:

We will, with God's help.

Declaration

One: Then let it be known among us: you belong here.
You are part of this community of faith— called, gifted, and needed.
Together, we will follow the way of Jesus.

Prayer

One: Loving God,
thank you for bringing us together—
for the different stories, gifts, and questions we each carry.

**All: Make us a community that reflects your love:
compassionate in how we care,
relevant in how we live and speak,
inclusive in who we welcome,
and Spirit-centred in all we do.**

One: Bind us together in trust and hope,
and lead us forward in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

Anthem: The Spirit of the Lord (Luke 4: 14-21)

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**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because God has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.
God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.**

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Response:

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

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Rev Katherine Brittain

Hymn: MV 23 Come, O Holy Spirit

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- 1. Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire;
Strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire.
Burn away the structures and consume the sham
of our holy systems: Come, in Jesus' name!**

**Refrain: Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open: Pentecost is now!
I said a-- (repeat)**

- 2. Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past,
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.
Wind of change, refresh us and disturb our calm;
teach us what true love is, take our hearts by storm R**
- 3. Free us from the babble of our Babel mind;
spark in us a language all can understand.
Lighten then our darkness, come and show us how
all the world lies open: Pentecost is now!**

**Refrain: Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open: Pentecost is now!
I said a-- (repeat) Amen! (ending)**

Affirmation of faith

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.
It sounds like welcome and feels like home.
It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.
It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**I have seen it alive in the world.
And even when my heart aches,
even when wars rage,
even when mercy feels out of reach,
I remember the one who welcomed the children
and led with nonviolence.
I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable
and inspired those around him.**

**I remember that the good news really is good news,
for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Invitation to Offering

Offering Hymn:

TLUS 109 All This Pain

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1. **All this pain.
I wonder if I'll ever find my way;
I wonder if my life could really change at all.**

2. **All this earth.
Could all that is lost ever be found;
could a garden come out from this ground at all?**

- Refrain: You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us.**

3. **All around,
hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos life is being found in you.**

Refrain (repeat)

**Bridge: You make me new,
you are making me new. (Repeat 3 X)**

Refrain (repeat)

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

Hymn:

VU 625 I Feel the Winds of God

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- 1. I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.**

- 2. It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.**

- 3. If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.**

Commissioning and Benediction

One: As we leave this place,
may we go out into the world ready
to be overwhelmed with amazement.

**All: May we clear our throats to shout good news.
May we not shy away from the fire and wind of the Spirit,
but rather, let it envelop and hone us for the work of love
that God entrusts to us as the body of Christ.**

One: Go in peace!