



Date: May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday
Theme: Beyond the Given Limits

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

Musician:

Audio/Visual:

(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **Rev. Kwon** will be out of the office Wednesday May 27th.
- **Joint Worship Service** ~ May 31, Big Valley starts at 10:00 am.

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,

and in the shelter of the Spirit, we will rejoice and be glad.

The heavens are telling of the glory of God,

and beneath those very stars, we raise our spirits and proclaim that God is good.

The gifts of the Spirit are offered to us,

and, when we put them to use, we discover that our gifts blend with the gifts of others into a wonderful song filled with hope, energy, life, and love.

In this house of prayer, may we find shelter, lift our hearts in prayer, and sing songs of praise:

May we find strength in knowing we are the Body of Christ, enlivened by the Spirit, engaging the work of God in this world.

Come, let us worship our God!

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Light the Christ Candle

Flames dancing, tongues of fire burning brightly, illuminating the shadowed places of our lives and searing radiance, all remind us of the first Pentecost.

The Christ light brings a reminder of Pentecostal splendour. May the dazzling light be for us a spark of Holy Wonder.

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***Hymn Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth VU#207**

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Opening Prayer

Great are your ways, Holy Spirit.

Great are your words, Holy Spirit.

You are in us and we are in you.

Your love abides in us and we abide in your love.

You lead us to the truth.

You teach us the way.

You inspire us to love others.

You give us peace in our hearts, easing our troubled spirits.

We are grateful that you guide us to the truth of who we are and what we are meant to do.

We thank you for your love and your guidance, today and every day. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

Empowering God, from our spaces of rest, safety, and hectic life schedules, we gather, united and uniting in the warm glow of the Pentecost fire of the Spirit.

We are surrounded by all the signs of God's loving power.

We pause in this space recognizing that...

we want Pentecost.

We long for the renewing of life, for hope given when we are without hope.

We long for a spark in our hearts, for power in worship, for power in the midst of injustice.

But we are afraid of the power,

afraid of success, afraid of responsibility, limited by our thoughts of mistakes, by thoughts of when we failed to act, by overwhelming shame.

We are sorry.

We need Pentecost now. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Jesus is speaking, "Shhhhh, my friend. You are forgiven. Peace. Relax. Rest."

And you feel muscle forming on the skeleton of your heart, the skeleton of your faith, the skeleton of your social justice.

You are growing powerful.

The Spirit is in your heart, testifying that you are forgiven.

Pentecost has arrived.

Gary Simpson, McDougall U.C., Edmonton, Alta. Gathering, Lent Easter 2026, 28. Used with Permission.

***Hymn Spirit, Open My Heart MV#79**

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Prayer of Illumination

ALL: We are ready to listen to your word. May God bless us to encounter your presence, which inspired Jesus' disciples on the day of Pentecost, and lead us to live in awe and holiness.

Scripture Readings: Dave Goodwin

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

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1)

(being seated)

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

***Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* VU#371**

A Mission and Service Story

Invitation for Offering

Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Offering Prayer

Creator God, we are so thankful for the gifts that you have given us

through the Holy Spirit.

We desire and need a constant connection to you, and you have provided that connection

through the Holy Spirit.

We praise you for ongoing knowledge, wisdom, and gifts that we receive

through the Holy Spirit.

We thank you for your promises made and never forgotten

through the Holy Spirit.

And so we bring our gifts and tithes, that they may become a blessing

through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Prayers of the Gathered Community

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn *I Feel the Winds of God* VU#625

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

Postlude