

# Westminster United Church

Order of Worship

May 20, 2018



(\* invites people to stand as they are able;  
people's part in bold type)

## The Community Gathers

### Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

The risen Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

Spirit of the living God, visit us again  
this day of Pentecost.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

On rushing winds that sweep away all barriers,

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

With speech that unites the babel of our tongues,

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

With love that breaks through boundaries  
of race and nation,

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

With power from above to make  
our weakness strong,

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

In the name of God, the Holy One,

And of Jesus Christ our Saviour,

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

#### \* Opening Hymn VU 375

*" Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness "*

#### Prayer of Confession

**Spirit of God,**

**you are the breath of creation, the wind of  
change that blows through our lives,  
opening us up to new dreams and  
new hopes, new life in Christ.**

**Forgive us our closed eyes which fail to see  
the needs of your world. Forgive us our  
closed hands which clutch our gifts and our  
wealth for our own use alone. Forgive us our  
closed hearts which limit our affections to  
ourselves and our own.**

**Spirit of new life,**

**Forgive us and break down the prison walls  
of our selfishness, that we might be open  
to your love and open for the service  
of your world.**

**Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

Our Holy God has forgiven you all your sins  
and has promised to bring you to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

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and has promised to bring you to  
everlasting life.**

Amen.



## Listening for the Word of God

### Prayer of Preparation

Eternal God, open our minds to hear your word, our hearts to love your word, and our lives to be obedient to your word, through the power of your Spirit and the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



**First Reading** Acts 2:1-21

**Responsive Psalm VU 827**

Psalm 104, Part Two (refrain 2)

**Second Reading** Romans 8:22-27

**Hymn VU 196**

*“ Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow ”*

**Gospel Reading** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15  
Rev. Margaret

**Sermon** *“ Spirit of Life ”* Rev. Margaret Spencer

## Responding to the Word of God

### \* Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us share Christ's peace and welcome with each other.

### The Offertory

**Prayer before the Offering** (Unison)

**Life-giving Spirit,  
bring to the bones of these gifts**

the flesh of our actions,  
and the breath of our caring,  
that our church and our service to others  
may come to life in your name. Amen.

### \*Offertory Dedication VU 541 (sung)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.**

**Introduction to the Pastoral Prayer  
VU#381 “ Spirit of Life ”**

### Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer VU 914**

**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;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## We Go Out In God's Name

### \* Closing Hymn VU 194

*“Filled with the Spirit's Power”*

\* **Commissioning and Blessing** (unison)

**God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us  
to serve and worship you now and always.  
Amen.**

\***Postlude**

*(Resources from Gathering, Lent-Easter, 2017)*

***Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 27, 2018  
~ Trinity Sunday ~***

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Romans 8: 12-17

Psalm 29

John 3: 1-17

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