

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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PENTECOST

Pre-Recorded Service

THE REV. PHIL HOBBS

“FROM MOONSCAPE TO A FOREST: FROM ASHES TO FIRE!”

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While the stay-at-home order is in effect
our Worship Services will be pre-recorded
and posted on the Chalmers YouTube channel.

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together.
Song Books are: VU *Voices United* and MV *More Voices*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Promised Land - Traditional Spiritual arr. by Judy Nishimura
Bill Egnatoff, flute duet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

LITANY FOR PENTECOST based on *A Song of Faith*

- One: We sing of God's Spirit
All: Faithful and untamable who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.
- One: The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy –
All: Not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.
- One: We sing of God's Spirit –
All: Who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.
- One: We offer worship –
All: As an outpouring of gratitude and awe, and a practice of opening ourselves to God's still small voice of comfort, to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.
- One: Through word, music and art, in community and in solitude;
All: God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.
- One: Let us worship God – Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love.**

INTROIT

HYMN MV 156 *Dance with the Spirit*

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

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OPENING PRAYER

One: Maranatha! *
All: Come, Holy Spirit, come!
One: Fill this place with rushing winds.
All: Fill our hearts with life made new.
One: Lift us from the mundane moments –
All: into the warmth of your presence and grace.
One: Give us new ways of speaking –
All: ways that make sense to the world.
One: Give us new ways of hearing –
All: ways that make sense of the world.
One: Come, Holy Spirit, come!
All: Maranatha! *

* Aramaic word meaning, *Come, Lord Jesus*

HYMN **MV 150** *Spirit God Be Our Breath*

1 Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn....
Spirit God, be our song.

2 Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.
Comfort us. When we know you are near
we grow more certain, our vision is clear.
Patient God, calm our fear.

3 Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.

4 Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn....
Spirit God, be our song.

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ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, Sacred Mystery,
greater than words can express;
whose love for us and all creation
exceeds our capacity to imagine,
open our hearts and minds. Amen

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Acts 2: 1-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN MV 79 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Refrain:

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

1 God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. **R**

2 Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. **R**

3 May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister,
brother.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. **R**

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SERMON

Rev. Phil Hobbs

"From Moonscape to a Forest:
From Ashes to Fire!"

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song - *Bridegroom* - Peter Cutts

setting by John Carter

Joan Egnatoff, piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 380 *She Flies On (She Comes Sailing on the Wind)*

Refrain:

**She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.**

1 Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.

2 Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on.

Refrain:

**She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.**

3 To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

4 Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace.

Refrain:

**She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.**

5 Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.

Refrain:

**She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.**

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COMMISSIONING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Hear I Am, Lord - Daniel L. Schutte setting by Joel Raney
Bill Egnatoff, flute; Joan Egnatoff, piano

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister	The Rev. Phil Hobbs was Ordained by Manitou Conference in 1984. He is a graduate of Laurentian University, and The Vancouver School of Theology. After 21 years of Ministry with congregations Rev. Phil was called to serve as Conference Minister, Personnel in 2005. When he retired in 2010 (at age 60) he entered upon a Ministry, leading congregations in transition. (Currently serving South Bay United Church and Picton United Church.) Rev. Phil expects to be fully retired at year end. He and his wife Carol are delighted Grandad & Nana to Rosie (2), Jonas (4) and Sammy (7).
Hymn Choir	Janice Moncrieff, Joan Egnatoff, Margot Craft, Juliet Milsome, Bill Egnatoff
Reader	Doug Arrand
Sound & Media Techs	Catie Doane
Technical Chair	Nick Steinberg

AT CHALMERS

Pre-Service Coffee Hour

Due to the pandemic, live worship services continue to be suspended, and a return to normalcy is a while off. But we can still meet and visit!

10-10:30 am Pre-Service Coffee Hour over Zoom.

Let's use this opportunity to see each other and to chat!

At 10:30, you can stay on to see the pre-recorded service or leave the zoom meeting and watch the recording by yourself.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83823105027?pwd=WUxMZFM3ZWIEL1l1NnN1Z1dVQoh3Zz09>

You can also dial in: 1 647 558 0588 (long distance charges may apply)

Meeting ID: 838 2310 5027. You don't need a Participant ID, just press #.

Passcode: 746801.

If you would like to talk to the other participants, press *6 to unmute yourself.

May 30, Trinity Sunday

- **We will worship with other Congregations** in the Ecumenical Worship Partnership Joint Trinity Sunday Service. The direct link is: <https://youtu.be/-NoXSCdKjGw>

Benevolent Fund:

- **Please remember** the Benevolent Fund Program in your givings, so that it may continue to provide grocery cards to those in need, through the summer months. Thank you.

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