



# Leaside Presbyterian Church

*To grow in relationship with Jesus Christ,  
so that we feel loved and share God's love with others.*

**Pentecost Sunday**

**May 24, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.**

*\*please stand as you are able*

## **PRELUDE**

*Choral varié sur le thème du  
Veni Creator (hymn 402)*

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **TIME OF CENTERING**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God speaks to us

**All: In the riches of creation**

One: God speaks to us

**All: In the stories of Jesus**

One: God speaks to us

**All: In the lives of other people**

One: God speaks to us

**All: In words and ways that we can understand**

## **\*HYMN**

*Revive your work, O Lord No.284*

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Breath of God,

Breath of life,

Breath of deepest yearning,

## **Come, Holy Spirit (sung)**

Comforter,  
Disturber,  
Interpreter,  
Enthusier,

## **Come, Holy Spirit (sung)**

Heavenly Friend,  
Lamplichter,  
Revealer of truth,  
Midwife of change,

## **Come, Holy Spirit (sung)**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*We begin in silence*

One: The breath of the Spirit does not abandon us,  
though sometimes we choose the rush of  
other winds.

**All: In the winds of trade and academics, the  
winds of fortune or poverty, the  
winds of controversy and activism, the winds  
of anxiety and despair, we forget why we are  
and whose we are.**

One: Our confusion keeps us from recognizing the  
Spirit that blows within each of us and spreads  
to all—often because we do not expect that  
Spirit.

**All: It seems easier to extinguish a spark than to  
give ourselves to the transforming fire, as  
witnesses for a new order.**

One: The Spirit of what is holy incites us to witness.

**All: But accepting the challenge of seeking and acting sometimes seems too hard for us in our weakness.**

One: The Spirit fuses us in loving community with energies to empower our world.

**All: But we tire of setting priorities, of being effective, of being intentional about the work God calls us to do in the world. Where is the Spirit's wind and fire then?**

One: Let us lift up our individual joys and sorrows, successes and defeats, as an act of accountability for our lives and the life of our world, and as an act of awareness and presence of the Spirit's wind and fire in all of life.

**All: May God be with us,**

One: and with our spirits.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *Holy, holy, holy – vv. 1,2,3 No.303*

*Holy, holy, holy.*

*My heart, my heart adores you,  
My heart is glad to say the words:  
you are holy, Lord.*

*Santo, santo, santo.*

*¡Mi corazón te adora!*

*Mi corazón te sabe decir:  
¡Santo eres, Señor!*

*Dieu saint, Dieu saint, Dieu saint.  
Mon coeur, mon coeur t'adore!*

*Mon coeur le sait, mon coeur te le dit:  
Sacre est ton nom.*

## **PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **\*HYMN**

*Spirit of the living God v.1 No.400  
(with hand motions)*

## **PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may hear your word with joy. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 11:1-9 OT pg.9

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

**All: but the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*I Will Sing with the Spirit by John Rutter*

## **SCRIPTURE**

Acts 2:1-21 NT pg.119

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

To find your own voice

## **Affirmation of Faith (for Pentecost)**

We believe in God, the Creator Spirit,  
who moved upon the face of the deep at the  
beginning of creation, who created all that is,  
and who spoke through the prophet of old.

We believe in Jesus Christ,  
into whom God's Spirit was poured in fullness  
and in power, that the whole creation might  
be restored and unified; and who promised  
that the Spirit would come and fill the faithful  
with power to witness to the mighty love of  
God.

We wait on that Spirit today with longing hearts,  
seeking to be empowered to witness to God's  
love in Christ, with fresh words and  
courageous actions of love and hope

Glory be to God-Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit-  
now and always. Amen.

**\*HYMN**                      *Come, O Spirit, with your sound No.276*

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERING**

One: We offer our gifts to God in gratitude,

**All: trusting God to multiply what we bring.**

**OFFERTORY**                      *I will not leave you comfortless  
by Everett Titcomb*

**\*DOXOLOGY**                      *Come, O Holy Spirit (v.1,2) No.388*  
English:

*Come, O Holy Spirit, come.  
Come, Almighty Spirit, come.  
Come, come, come.*

*Ibo (Nigerian):*

*Wa wa wa Emimimo.  
Wa wa wa Alagbara  
Wao, wao, wao.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God, in your mercy,

**All: HEAR OUR PRAYER**

### 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. AMEN**

**\*HYMN** *I am the church! You are the church! No.475*

### \*SENDING

One: Let us go now as Spirited people,

Women: powerful as the wind in doing God's will,

Men: energetic as fire in extending the love  
of Christ.

One: Be builders of understanding and makers  
of peace.

**All: Amen.**

### BLESSING

**\*SUNG BLESSING** *Now Go in Peace*

*Now go in peace, Now go in love,  
from the father above.*

*Jesus Christ the Son stay with you till the day is done.*

*Holy spirit and circle you in all you think and do.*

*Go in peace. God's blessing be with us. Amen.*

*Now go in with us. Amen.*

## POSTLUDE:

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## WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Marg Scripture: Sylvia

Usher: Caroline

Coffee Hour: Dan and Liz

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday May 26, 6:30pm**

- Session meeting

**Sunday May 31, 10:30am**

- Trinity Sunday - Sacrament of Baptism

## UNCEASING PRAYER

*Every Sunday, you'll find an updated prayer for specific PWS&D programs and emergency responses, new prayers from PWS&D's global partners, Canada-wide volunteers and ecumenical coalitions, as well as prayers taken from the Bible or the Book of Praise. Thank you for continuing to pray for people affected by conflict, climate change, inequality and systemic cycles of poverty around the globe.*

**Dear Lord, with a heart full of gratitude we thank you for the strength and wisdom you have given Women for Peace and Democracy to serve women and marginalized communities. Thank you for guiding their hands and heart in this mission of empowerment. May you continue to bless their work, so that every woman finds her voice, her strength and her rightful place in society. Amen.**

*Written by Shobha Shrestha, Executive Chair of Women for Peace and Democracy, a PWS&D partner in Nepal.*

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility this land on which Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers. Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship on this land. Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting this land from those who have gone before us.

Wherever we are,

we recognize the responsibility of caring for this land to pass on to those who come after us. We are grateful for this gift of being on this land.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to Leaside Presbyterian Church. Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful to be connected as we worship together.
- Over the next three years, our church is participating in a project to strengthen our digital presence so that our online spaces reflect the warmth and clarity of our in-person community. Your feedback is an important part of that work. Please take 5 minute to complete this brief survey. 
- Our next **Merry Market planning meeting** will be on **zoom** on **Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**. All are welcome, the more the merrier! Please contact Mary for details.
- As part of our **Mission program**, we will once again be **contributing casseroles to Evangel Hall** this month. Pans are available on the table outside the office. Please label your casserole and put it in the church freezer in the Silverthorn Hall kitchen by Sunday, **May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please speak with Judith with any questions.
- **Centering prayer** takes place online every Wednesday at 9am. Learn how to pray with others for twenty-minutes, deepening our relationship with God not through words but in silence. Email [paul@leasidepc.ca](mailto:paul@leasidepc.ca) for details.
- **LPC Reads... Still Life**, by Sarah Winman. We will meet next on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM, on Zoom. We hope you will join us. If you have any questions, please email Barry and Peggy.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to **Jane E., Karen J., Betty I.**, and those who will be celebrating birthdays this week.