

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

Sunday, May 27, 2018, 9:00 am

Pentecost

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: **“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”** **VU #375** vss. 1,4

Refrain:

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings. **R**

You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions
your people arise. **R**

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: Today we celebrate Pentecost, the powerful completion of the great 50 days of the Easter season.

All: Many of us have come wearing something red, symbolizing this great festival of wind and flame.

One: And we come in celebration of the birthday of the Christian Church of which we, too, are an important part.

All: So let's sing and dance in celebration of God who created us, Christ who redeemed us and the Spirit who empowers us.

Music: "I'll Fly Away"

In the Holy Spirit I will soar (I'll fly away)
To a place of peace forevermore (I'll fly away).

Refrain:

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.

Through the sky, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Come with me and sail upon the wind (I'll fly away)

Follow Christ our Saviour and our friend (I'll fly away)

I will send my spirit like a dove (I'll fly away)

showing, sharing, God's amazing love (I'll fly away).

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Acts 2: 1-11

Focus on the Word

Music:

“I Feel the Winds of God”

VU #625

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.

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.

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.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: Go forth into the world, bringing peace and love to all.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: And may God's blessing go with us all.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Music:

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

VU #382

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.