

NEWS from the BRIDGE

*Life @ Bridge Street United Church,
Belleville, Ontario, during COVID-19*

AN INITIATIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TRANSITION TEAM

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021



We premier our weekly online worship services on
YouTube, Sundays @ 10 a.m.

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



Sunday, May 23, 2021
PENTECOST



Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter. **Pentecost** is regarded as the birthday of the **Christian church** and the start of the church's mission to the world.

GOD'S MISSION OUR GIFTS

FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA...



Celebrate Deaf Culture on Pentecost

On Pentecost, diverse languages proclaimed the presence of God's Spirit. So it's the perfect day to celebrate the glorious variety of languages and cultures God blesses the world through, including Deaf culture.

Few churches welcome and include people who are Deaf. That's why your gifts through **Mission & Service** support the Quinte Deaf Fellowship in Belleville, Ontario. Since its inception in 2007, the fellowship has provided a point of cultural and spiritual connection for people who are Deaf and a place to celebrate Deaf culture. "Whenever you deprive a community of its language, you automatically deprive it of its culture," says Phil Wilson, a United Church minister whose father wasn't allowed to use sign language in residential school.

Your generous support through **Mission & Service** means Quinte Deaf Fellowship continues to be a place of belonging, connection, advocacy, and care when it is needed most.

To donate to the Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada, add to your regular offering denoting "Mission & Service" or visit <https://united-church.ca/donate>.



Effective Sunday, June 6, 2021, BSUC's recorded worship services will be viewable on our very own YouTube channel.

Stay tuned for more details about this exciting development.

This initiative is brought to you by members of the Worship & Music Team.

Thanks Rev. David for hosting us on your personal page for well over a year.



This week you are invited to pray for the following individuals and their circumstances.

As seems right, please pray for their strength, pray for their soul to be comforted, and pray for a different and better future than is their current circumstance.

WE LIFT BEFORE GOD:

Those whose health is imperiled.

Those who are experiencing anxiety brought about by the challenges of life in the time of a pandemic.

COVID-19 doubters and deniers that they might come to a more fulsome understanding of the challenges that still beset the world, our country, our provinces, and our cities.

Folk who are poor, hungry, homeless or provisionally housed, as they live with uncertainty and fear.

Those whose challenges have yet to be conveyed to us and yet are so very real.

Rev. David welcomes news of those for whom we can pray.

Please reach out and advise.

interim.clergy@gmail.com or 1-905-375-7369



***... for the week of
May 23, 2021***

**Click below to access Rev. G. David King's
YouTube address ...**

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCt8ig2lpQ8ILzRfKjNmcuSw>

**or go to the home page of our church website for a
link, www.bridgestreetchurch.com.**

Available

Beginning

this Sunday,

May 23 @ 10 a.m.

the Revised Common LECTIONARY

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs --in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

HYMN: Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us— VU #198

- 1 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,
 come with pentecostal power;
 give the church a stronger vision,
 help us face each crucial hour.
 Built upon a firm foundation,
 Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,
 still the church is called to mission
 that God's love shall be made known.

- 2 We would raise our hallelujahs
 for the grace of yesteryears;
 for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
 hear, O God, our humble prayers.
 In the church's pilgrim journey
 you have led us all the way,
 still in presence move before us,
 fire by night and cloud by day.

- 3 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,
 give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
 glorify your holy name.
God, all holy, Son and Spirit,
 three in one: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
 now and through eternity.

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HYMN: She Comes Sailing on the Wind — VU #380

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. (to Verse 2)
- 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. R
- 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. R
- 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.

- 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. R

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Pentecost Sunday

