

**Yellowknife United Church**  
An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of  
The United Church of Canada  
Pentecost Sunday - May 24, 2015

\*rise in body or spirit



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## Gathering

### Musical Prelude

### Welcome; Announcements; Celebrations; Candlelighting

#### \***Introit** VU 382 Breathe on Me, Breath of God (*Verse 1*)

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

#### \***An Echo Prayer for Pentecost**

*The worship leader will pray a line combined with an action,  
which you are then invited to echo back.*

With the beat of a wild wing (*clap hands together*)

With the rush of a mighty wind (*rub hands together,  
building friction*)

With the Pentecost flame (*place hot palm against forehead*)

Touch us, Holy Spirit! (*Open and cross hands, linking thumbs,  
so hands become a bird*)

Love us into being, Spirit of God! (*Bird flies one way*)

Love us into wholeness,

Spirit of Wisdom! (*Bird flies another way*)

Love us into newness, Spirit of Christ!

(*Bird flies straight up and hands undo, arms opening in praise*)

Spirit come!

Alleluia!

May it ever be!

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#### \***Hymn** MV 23 Wind of Change

## **A Prayer of Confession in Song VU 376 Spirit of the Living God**

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.	2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all Make us one in heart and mind, Make us one in love Humble, caring, selfless, sharing Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!
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## **Words of Assurance**

Here, there, and everywhere, the Spirit of God is falling:  
in gentle showers and ferocious torrents,  
upon our heads, washing us clean  
and making all things new.

Here, there, and everywhere, the Spirit of God is falling:  
softly, like dandelion fluff, ready to produce new life  
even in places where it is not welcomed;  
loudly, in the shouts of children released from  
cloistered classrooms and in morning's birdsong.

We are covered in it. We are covered by it.

**It looks like grace. It feels like love.**

**Let it fall afresh on us!**

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## **Listening**

### **Church School Appreciation**

**Song VU 579 The Church is Wherever God's People Are Praising**

<b>Christian Scripture:</b>	Acts 2: 1-21
<b>Responsive Reading:</b>	Psalm 104 <i>Part Two pg 827 VU</i>
<b>Gospel Reading:</b>	John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

**Reflection**

Beauty and Danger

## Responding

**\*Hymn** VU 196 Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow

**Minute for Mission** – Civil Disobedience

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** *Doxology* VU 542

### Prayers of the People

**\*Hymn** MV 150 Embracing Change

### **\*Commissioning and Benediction**

We are the church!

We follow where the Spirit leads,  
daring to be risk takers wherever we go!

**We are filled with the breath of the Holy Spirit!**

May the blessing of God, Creator, and Giver of Life,  
the Son, Life of God incarnate,  
and the Holy Spirit, bearer and power of new life-giving  
among all people  
be with us now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*Choral Response** VU 381 Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me

Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea

Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice

Roots hold me close, wings set me free

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.