

**Celebration of Pentecost, May 31st 2020,
Emmanuel UC, North Bay
My name is Rev. Roni Beharry.
Welcome to worship at Emmanuel United Church
on behalf of Elizabeth, John and Lorne.**

Welcoming our Viewers:

We welcome all our viewers, closer to home here in North Bay and from your homes across this province and globe.

Prelude:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

We light this candle because the light of Christ shines in this community and in each one of us as we participate in, and live in anticipation of God's hope. The flame reminds us of God's faithful presence in times of trouble and uncertainty.

At Emmanuel United Church in North Bay, we strive to be a welcoming, caring community, committed to practices of spiritual nurture and sharing God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Let's take a moment to breathe and centre ourselves.

Call to Worship: *Adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual 2020, May 31, 2020
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With rushing wind and emboldened faith...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With hopes rekindled...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With visions birthed, and dreams restored...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With spacious grace, and depth untold...

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

With rushing wind and holy fire...

Come. Holy Spirit, Come.

Opening Prayer:

**Spirit of Pentecost, blow open the doors
of our shut-up hearts.**

Set our tongues free

to proclaim your praise.

Bless our youth with visions,

and our elders with dreams.

Renew the faith of your people

in this community and throughout the world.

Blow into our lives, once more Holy One,

and help us find the strength and courage

to become the people of faith, you call us to be. Amen.

Hymn: "Spirit, Open My Heart" MV#79

As Jesus taught us we pray together:

We pray to our God:

Our mother and 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass

against us, and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory, forever and ever,

Amen.

Steps we can take to make space for the spirit:

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

One: These are the prayers of our fore parents of faith.

**ALL: We join our prayers to their prayers, through the
power of the Spirit.**

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Pentecost Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

One: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL: Come and pray in us, Holy Spirit.

Meditation: "God's Flash Mob"

Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" VU#375

Announcements

Offering

Offertory Prayer: *Adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual 2020, May 31, 2020 Copyright B.J. Beu*

**For opening your hand
and blessing us**

we give you thanks. O God.

**On this day of Pentecost,
may our gifts help to realize dreams and visions
for a world in need of hope and direction.**

And may our hearts overflow with passion and purpose. Amen

Lighting of the Memory Candle:

Pastoral Prayer:

Hymn: "Spirit God, Be Our Breath" MV#150

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Empowered by the Spirit,
Go forth in the power of the living God.

We go forth as God's children.

With hope rekindled,
go forth in the power of the eternal Christ.

We go forth as ambassadors of Christ.

With visions birthed and dreams revitalized,

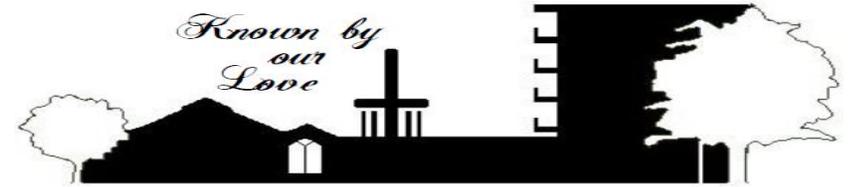
We go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.

With spacious grace and depth untold,
go forth in the mystery of the Holy One.

Amen.

Sung Blessing: "Three-fold Amen"

Postlude:



*Emmanuel United Church shall be a caring,
welcoming faith community, nurturing
spiritual life and sharing God's love
and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.*

Celebration of Pentecost!



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