

Applewood United Church
An Affirming Community
Sunday, May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday
*(*please stand in body or in spirit)*
Bold words are for all to share

Music for Gathering

Territorial Acknowledgment and Announcements

We understand that the land on which we live, work and worship is situated upon traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron - Wyandot, the Haudenosaunee and later the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The territory is mutually covered by the "Dish with One Spoon" Wampum Belt agreement. In the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to building relationships with all created beings, those who were here before, those who have settled, and those who continue to settle on this land. We commit to partnering with our Indigenous neighbours in being stewards and caretakers of God's Creation. Today, this remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we seek to live as reconciled people through our respect for, and our learning and understanding of, our Indigenous siblings.

Centering Music: "Holy Sacred Spirit" MV 15

*** Call to Worship and Opening Prayer:** *(responsive)*

One: In a rush of hair-tossing wind,
or in the gentle breath of a baby -

All: we say come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: In flames that do not consume,
and in God's gentle but persistent call,

All: we say come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: In language we recognize and understand,
or when we feel confused and uncertain,

All: we say come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us,
revive us and inspire us.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit and move us, enliven us,
and confront us.**

One: Let's pray together

All: Holy Spirit, presence of God,

**dance your flame into the dark corners of our lives.
Send your breezes – stormy or calm -
to stir the dust from our thoughts and from our faith.
Give us your Spirit of adventure and compassion,
and a desire to share our knowledge of you.
May we may live and love boldly, creatively,
and with purpose, courage, and enthusiasm,
just as Jesus did.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Amen.**

*** Opening Hymn:** "Come, O Holy Spirit" MV 23

Prayer for Reflection and Revelation:

"The Spark of God" *by Joyce Rupp (adapted)*

*** Hymn of Dedication/Musical Response:** "Spirit God, be our breath" MV 150 verse 1 and verse 4

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:1-21 *Inclusive Bible*

John 20:19-23 *Inclusive Bible*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir: "Spirit's Coming"

Reflection: Those outrageous Christians

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offering of Music: "As the Wind Song Through the Trees" (*Shirley E. Murray, Lim S. Hong*)

Hymn of Dedication: "What Can I Do?" MV 191

*** Offering Prayer (together)**

All: **Life-giving Spirit,
bring to the bones of these gifts**

**the flesh of our actions,
and the breath of our caring,
that our church and our service to others
may come to life in your name. Amen.**

(from Celebrate God's Presence, The United Church of Canada)

A Moment of Prayer and Blessing

*(You are invited to bring your written prayers forward and
to receive a blessing)*

The Lord's Prayer: "Our Father in Heaven" TLUS 70

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

*** Closing Hymn:** "Oh a Song Must Rise" MV 142

*** Commissioning/Benediction**

*** Sung Amen:** "Grand Amen" TLUS 15

Music for Scattering