**Summerland United Message - May 28/20**

Greetings Friends,

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost Sunday is the Sunday when we remember the story from the Book of Acts that tells of the Holy Spirit moving powerfully among the disciples who are praying in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. The resurrected Jesus has told the disciples to wait and that the gift of the Holy Spirit would be poured out on them empowering and guiding to carry on the ministry that Jesus had begun. This is a foundational story of the Christian Church and we mark it each year on Pentecost Sunday.

A special feature of our service this Sunday will be the reception of new members. Both Summerland United and Westbank United will receiving a new member by profession of faith (confirmation).

There will be three congregations online this Sunday Summerland: Peachland and Westbank United Churches.

See you all on Sunday,

Armand

**Notes About The Sunday Service**

The liturgical colours for Pentecost Sunday are Red and Gold. You are invited to wear something that is red or gold or a combination of these colours for the Sunday Service.

**Names for Prayers of the People**

If you have someone you would like prayed for in the Prayers of the People on Sunday please send them to Armand at [summerlandrev@shaw.ca](mailto:summerlandrev@shaw.ca). Please include their name of the person(s) and what you want the prayer for.

**Lighting a Candle on Sunday Morning**

You are invited to light a candle on Sunday morning during the Service. Please do this at the same time that the candle is being lighted by Kathy or Armand.

**Songs for Sunday**

Spirit God, Be Our Song  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1ZB8Yl6e_I>

Spirit of Gentleness  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMCP91N1e6w>

Spirit of Life  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcFZ32EHexY>

Dance with the Spirit  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znay0YpnEIg>

**Pentecost Prayers and Poems**

“A Rainy Day Pentecost Prayer”

On this day of Pentecost, a cloudy sky dimly shines through the window  
while I sit here, sipping my cup of tea,  
gentle raindrops falling on a wood  
of bright green leaves.  
No tongues of fire or windy skies,  
but that is how it is sometimes.  
God comes not only in excitement  
and special effects, but also in a drop,  
in the quiet, to still our souls  
and remind us that the Divine,  
the Holy Spirit, is Holy Presence,  
truly “God-with-Us” in Spirit form–everywhere–  
both near and far and high and low  
and deep within my heart,  
and your heart, and the hearts  
of people living on the other side  
of the globe–maybe even of the universe.  
Yes, Lord, pour out your Spirit afresh on us,  
on *all* of us, renewing our lives and the earth,  
raining down on us like raindrops, soaking deep  
into the soil of the earth and the soil of our souls.  
May this rain of the Spirit bring new life, an ever-growing  
communion and holiness within and among us, more and more each day.

“Pentecost” from Galatians 5:22–23

Spirit of God put love in my life.  
Spirit of God put joy in my life.  
Spirit of God put peace in my life.  
Spirit of God make me patient.  
Spirit of God make me kind.  
Spirit of God make me good.  
Spirit of God give me faithfulness.  
Spirit of God give me humility.  
Spirit of God give me self-control.

“Pentecost”

When was the last time  
that we heard the wind of your Spirit  
roar through this place?  
When was the last time  
your fire lit up this room?  
When was the last time  
we took you at your word  
and met together in expectation  
of your Spirit filling this place,  
and these lives with your Glory and Power?  
Lord, you challenge us with Pentecost.  
Do we believe that this  
was a once in eternity experience,  
never to be repeated?  
That the Holy Spirit was poured out  
on your followers for a single purpose,  
and ended His work at that instant?  
If so, then maybe that is why the Church  
seems so powerless in this age,  
helpless when faced with the needs  
both spiritual and physical,  
that we see in the world.  
Lord, as we meet together,  
and celebrate once again  
the memory of that first Pentecost,  
may it be for us as it was then  
a moment of empowerment,  
an awareness of your Glory in this dark world,  
a life-changing experience.