



Salisbury United Church
May 19, 2024
Welcome to Worship!



Welcome & Announcements

Treaty Six Acknowledgement:

Hymn Medley:

Spirit of the Living God; #376VU

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.

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!

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying; #400VU

Lord, listen to your children praying,
 Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
 Lord, listen to your children praying,
 send us love, send us power, send us grace!

O Let the Power Fall on Me; #13MV

O, let the power fall on me, my Lord,
 let the power fall on me.
 O, let the power from heaven fall on me,
 let the power fall on me.

For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord,
 we want justice and truth and love;
 for we want justice and truth and love, my Lord,
 we want justice and truth and love.



Call to Prayer: *(remain standing)*

Like rushing wind,
Like cleansing fire,
 Like pure flowing water,

**The spirit of God washes over us,
 and ruffles the fractured edges
 of our lives.**

Resounding in all the deep places
 of the earth,
 the voice of the Spirit
 echoes and re-echoes in our souls.

**We are pushed along,
 out of ourselves and into God.**

This is the Spirit's entry now, and we have come in worship.



Welcoming Each Other In:

(We greet each other with open hands of hospitality before sitting down)

Welcoming the Light of Christ:

Let us proclaim the presence of the light of Christ together:

**The light of Christ is with us,
 between us and all around us.
 Thanks be to God.**



(The Christ Candle is lit)

Resting in Peace: *(A time to sit quietly and invite peace in)*

May the peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.



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

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
 Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
 Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...
 Spirit God, be our song.

Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.
 Comfort us. When we know you are near
 we grow more certain, our vision is clear.
 Patient God, calm our fear.

Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...
Spirit God, be our song.

Opening Prayer:

This is the Spirit's entry now. This moment, when all hearts are open and waiting. In this moment, O God, touch us with the Spirit's breath, so that we may be renewed and brought to life again, in your name. And may the Spirit's work begun in us, flow like a river of life into all the world around. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer in Many Tongues: *(Prayers read aloud)*

Hymn: It's In Everyone of Us *(By David Pommeranz)*

It's in everyone of us
To be wise
Find your heart
Open up both your eyes,
We can all know everything
Without ever knowing why,
It's in everyone of us
By and by

Discovery Time:

At this time in the service, we will celebrate Pentecost by singing happy birthday to the church and distribute prepared glasses of bubbly apple juice.

Hymn: Spirit of Life; #381VU

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. (2X)

Scripture Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-11 (NIV)



Salisbury Singers: Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NIV)



Sermon: "Prophecy to These Bones"

Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God; #382VU

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

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God: so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Acknowledgement of Offering:

Holy God,
we celebrate the life of your Spirit at work in us,
and we return a portion of that life now
through these tangible gifts,
that some may be comforted,
some may be challenged,
and some may find their hope
in the goodness of creation
restored in the giving,
in Jesus' name,
Amen.



Prayers for the Journey:

Holy Spirit, come upon us. Breathe new life into us. Help us to share this new life in all we do and say. Help us to be creative, as You are our Creator. Help us to inspire others, as You inspire us. Help us to be a new creation, for You have made us a new creation in You.

Call us away now from the self-driven ways of pride and privilege. Lure us into the constructive, compassionate ways of the Spirit. Help us to build up rather than to break down, help us to be renewed and refreshed when we are worn down and tired.

And now we pray for all those people for whom we feel the burden of worry or anguish, and for world situations that dominate the news for which we are moved to pray.

(prayers in silence)

Help us to remember the truth about ourselves today and every day, O God. Help us to remember that we are people of Spirit, people in whom your love has been sown that it might grow. Move in us and among us, that we might be alive in you and in love with the world around us. May it be so. Amen.

Saying Goodbye to the Light of Christ:

The Christ light can never really be put out.

**Even when we blow it out,
it simply changes form,
and becomes like smoke,
drifting toward all the four directions of the world.**



(The light is extinguished)

The smoke rises like a blessing,
meant to sustain us until we meet again.

Hymn: Like a Healing Stream; #144MV

Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth.
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth... like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,
yearning for an end to want and need... like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
calling for an end to hate and war...like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow,
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

Blessing:

So too, does this blessing go forth
to all the four corners of the world:

The love of Christ Jesus ever enfold you,
the love of God ever encircle you,
the communion of the Spirit ever enrich you,
now and evermore!

Amen!



Sung Blessing: May the Love of the Lord; #218MV

*May the love of our God, rest upon your soul,
May God's love dwell in you throughout every day.*

Amen, Amen, Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.

Amen, Amen, Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.

Copyright Permissions

Music:

Spirit of the Living God; Daniel Iverson & Michael Baughen, 1982
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying; Hope Publishing Company, 1971
O Let the Power Fall on Me; Birchfield Aymer
Spirit God, Be Our Breath; Bruce Harding, 1997
It's In Everyone of Us; David Pommeranz
Spirit of Life; Carolyn McDade, 1981
Breathe on Me, Breath of God; Public Domain
Like A Healing Stream; Bruce Harding, 2003
May the Love of the Lord; GBGMusik, 2000

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE # A-620863. All rights reserved.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, May 26th



Our annual congregational meeting is soon upon us. On Sunday, May 26th, we will be hosting our Annual Congregational Renewal Meeting after worship service. Between worship and the meeting, Hospitality & Fellowship will serve coffee and celebration cake to commemorate 60 years that the church has been on the land it sits upon now. The Annual Report will be available Sunday, May 19th.

BROADVIEW SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS - Due June 5th



It's that time of year again...time to renew your subscription to *Broadview Magazine*. If you would like to renew your subscription or begin a subscription, please contact the church office. This year, annual subscriptions are \$30 each.

Deadline for renewal & new subscriptions is Wednesday, June 5th.

SHERWOOD PARK UNITED CHURCH - Looking for Bell Ringers for September

United Harmony, the handbell choir from Sherwood Park United Church will be looking for a few new ringers to join the choir in September. Practices are every Tuesday from 7-9pm and they play in church 4-5 times per year. The ability to read music would be an asset. Ringing technique tutorials will be available. "We are blessed to have a great director, and we have a lot of fun as we learn."

If you are interested in joining, please contact Susan Galloway at: (780) 719-6177 or by email at sgallowa@shaw.ca (intentionally no "y" in her email).



LOOKING FOR HELP SUNDAY MORNINGS

If you're able to help Sundays at 10:00am, to set up a few tables & chairs in the auditorium, it would be greatly appreciated.

STRATHCONA COUNTY FOOD BANK DONATIONS



Please continue to bring non-perishable items for the Strathcona Food Bank. There is a yellow bin in the Narthex for donations along with a list of most-needed items.



Finance Corner

Update for February 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income:	\$35,479.79	\$31,849.41
Expense:	\$35,782.18	\$52,086.82
	(\$302.39)	(\$20,237.41)

Financial results for the first two months of 2024 are quite encouraging. Here are the year-to-date highlights compared to budget as of February 29th:

Net Income (total income less total expenses)

We essentially broke even versus a budgeted loss of \$20,200

Income (revenue)

\$3,300 more than budgeted with Local Envelopes +\$2,900 and Rentals +\$1,300.

Expenses

\$16,300 less than budgeted with Repairs & Maintenance -\$1,600, UCC Assessment -\$9,500 (due to amortizing over 12 months versus entire amount budgeted in Feb).

Thanks for helping our new year get off to a solid start!

If you need any help with giving envelopes – new supply, pick-up, etc. – or other giving options (monthly giving through PAR, e-transfer or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact: Brittany at the Church Office.

Phone: 780-467-7310