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Office hours Tuesdays to Fridays  
**Worship happening everywhere**

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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**Worship Leader Brenda D.  
Songs chosen by Carla P.**

## **Pentecost Sunday**

### **Prelude**

**Gathering Song** HWB #12 *Come, let us all unite to sing*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

Come, let us encounter anew the God who moves among us  
The God who meets us in praise and song  
In forgiveness and new beginnings  
In scripture and sermon  
In prayer and in offering  
In Christian community and in going forth in love.  
We gather together to worship God.

### **Prayer**

**Praise Songs** HWB #356 *Breathe on me, breath of God*  
HWB #340 *'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus*

### **Giving our Tithes & Offerings**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Song** HWB #501 *Come down, O Love divine*

**Scripture Readings** 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Psalm 104:24-35;

Psalm 113; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23;  
John 7:37-39; Romans 12:9-16

- **Elaine D., Ben D., Peggy K., Marvin & Louise W., Alvin Z.**

**Message** *It's Pouring Out!*

**Lois Bukar**

**Song** HWB #522 *My Jesus, I love thee*

### **Benediction**

**Sending Song** HWB #418 *Move in our midst*

### **Postlude**

**Leadership Team** meeting today at 10 am.

### **Pray for:**

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- our Leadership Team
- safety for farmers during the busy seeding season
- Swift Current: East Side Church of God
- Mennonite Church Sask: Herschel Ebenfeld Mennonite Church, pastors Margaret Ewen Peters & Gary Peters
- reduction of fears and panic surrounding the spread of the coronavirus, and perseverance in keeping safe and physically separated
- guidance and patience as we look forward to Phase 3 of re-opening the province

**We are creating weekly audio recordings**, they can be found on our church [website](#). A CD will also be made of each of these and put in the **church library** to be borrowed.

Your **Offerings** may be dropped off at any time in the church mailbox (large brown box beside kitchen door) or in the offering plate beside the bulletins. For e-transfers the address is [zion.pay@sasktel.net](mailto:zion.pay@sasktel.net).

**MCC Connects:** We are pleased to announce the official launch of the **Grow Hope Saskatchewan** growing season! YOU can be a (virtual) farmer by sponsoring an acre of Saskatchewan farm land. This year, when you sponsor an acre before June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will send you a packet of flax seed (courtesy of SaskFlax) to grow from home. Visit [www.growhopesk.ca](http://www.growhopesk.ca) to sponsor your acre today!

### **From Camp Elim Board**

After much discussion and prayer, the Camp Elim board has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 camp program because of uncertainties with covid 19 and government reopen plans. Our focus for the year will be on some overdue maintenance of the buildings and property. To that end, part of our objective has become to provide jobs to a small number of summer students that may otherwise not have had employment due to covid 19. Our prayers at this time will be that

our summer staff have a positive experience at camp while dealing with the disappointment of cancellation of the regular program.

Like most of the world, the Swift Current MCC Gift and Thrift has been impacted by COVID-19. We have missed our customers, donors and volunteers very much and are excited to see you all again soon.

As we look to reopen the store we need your help... **We are in desperate need of volunteers to help us reopen.** If you are looking for something to do that serves your community and helps to change the lives of people around the world, we want you!

In order to reopen our store we are in need of a number of new volunteers. We invite you to consider joining our volunteer team or reach out to others in your circle that may be interested in volunteering. If you are interested please contact the shop at [scthrift@thrift.mccsk.ca](mailto:scthrift@thrift.mccsk.ca) or call the MCC Saskatchewan office at 306.665.2555 for more information.

### **Sweet Sounds**

The only thing better than singing  
is more singing.  
Ella Fitzgerald

Words makes you think. Music makes you feel.  
A song makes you feel a thought.  
Yip Harburg, songwriter

YouTube videos:

1) Laura Story - Mighty to Save:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1jmqYU4RDo>

2) Francesca Battistelli - Holy Spirit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BoZd7ZXh9yY>

This is the **last bulletin cover**, they are discontinued.

We are looking for black-and-white **artwork** (drawings) that would be suitable for a bulletin cover.

Please submit to the church Office.

## **It's Pouring Out!**

**Intro:** Fire and Rain, two opposing Spirit metaphors to celebrate Pentecost: the promise, and the experience. Acts 2 relates a story that is very tell-able in our day, sounds like a political convention- big, grand, loud, enhanced ability, drawing attention- so is this why we shrink from it personally while 'advocating' it institutionally?

- A. Demonstration – not expectation (Acts 2:1-21, Joel 2:28)
  - compare Hong Kong demonstrations, Weddings, Baptisms
- B. It wasn't the beginning (Numbers 11:24-30) and it wasn't the End (John 20:19-23)
  - experiences of the Spirit from Creation, to Moses, through Judges, to Saul, Hannah's song, Elizabeth's song
  - Jesus' words show that there is on-going Spirit driven ministry
- C. Spirit Presence Can't be pinned down
  - Variety and Diversity defy our attempts at containment (I Cor. 12:3-13, Psa.104, Rom. 12)
- D. Always marked by Abiding Love
  - not orphaned: Comforter, Advocate (John 14:16, 26, 2 Cor.1:21)
  - Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts (I Cor. 14:1, 12)
  - for building up of the church,
  - Abides: I John 3:24, 4:13, 5:6-8

**Concl.:** Pentecost is the outward sign of the on-going relationship of God's Spirit which has been poured out upon us. Let's allow it to seep in, and establish our roots, not just run off.

