

The Church at Worship

* Invitation to stand or join as you are able * Congregational responses **BOLDED**

Prelude Praise God
traditional Tamil tune, arr. Anne Krentz Organ



Welcome/Life of the Fellowship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit Come, Holy Spirit Iona Community

Together, We Come to God

Call to Worship

The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world
in a just and caring community.

**The Spirit comes like a breath,
bringing life to renew the people of God.**

The Spirit spreads like fire,
bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

**Spirit of the living God,
come to us and transform our lives by your power**

~ from the United Church of Christ. Posted on **Life in Liturgy**, from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/>

* **Opening Hymn** #279 *In your pentecostal splendour*

* **Opening Prayer**

Spirit God, blow into our lives, move us to action;
break down the walls that separate us.

Where our language divides, offer us translation.

Where our fear overcomes, fill us with the fire of courage.

Where our lives are becalmed, fill our sails with wind,
moving us forward into the unknown future.

Fill us with the hope and promise of Pentecost! Amen.

~ written by Rev. Gord Waldie and posted on **Worship Offerings**. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

* **Sung Response**



God Speaks to Us

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21 **Dramatic Reading**

*Psalm 104:24-34,35b

Psalm is a responsive reading with sung refrain (see insert)

Musical Reflection Mungu ni Mwema/God is so Good,
Mark Burrows

Scripture Reading Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Children's Time

Gospel Reading John 20:19-23

Sermon *A Gospel of Belonging* Rev. Garry Blinch

We Respond to God

* **Hymn of Response** #385 *Like the murmur of the dove's song*

Blessing of the Offering

Pastoral Prayer

* **Closing Hymn** # 276 *Come, O Spirit, with your sound*

* **Benediction**

* **Sung Blessing (next page)**



Postlude Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley

NOTES

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MacNeill Baptist Church acknowledges the traditional territory upon which we gather as a community of faith, that territory of the Anishinaabe and the Haudenosaunee peoples. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in peace, friendship, and respect. Acknowledging territory is a beginning and not an ending in terms of our work towards truth and reconciliation. We hope that this acknowledgement will be a springboard towards a deeper relationship with all Indigenous peoples we meet.

