

to be attentive, to collaborate, and to follow.
We are called to love and serve others,
**and we do this, not because of our own rules
and laws, but because it is God who asks us
to do it, by Christ's example.**
We are called to seek justice and resist evil.
**We do so every time we intentionally take
time to notice injustice, because evil does not
always take the shape we expect.**
Yet love and service are always in season.
We are called to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge
and our hope.
**Our hope rests in the knowledge that pain,
suffering, and even death are only parts of
a bigger journey. We trust that Christ will
heal our brokenness and that as those who
follow Christ, it is possible to celebrate our
freedom from bondage.**
We are called to be the church.
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Let us worship God.

***HYMN VU #315** *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* verse 1

OPENING PRAYER *(responsive)*

Awesome God,
Thank you that through your Holy Spirit, we are blessed and
included in your vision of the world as we mark 100 years of the
United Church of Canada today.

**Surprise us with your love for us, a love that
accepts us wholly and abides with us
eternally.**

Amaze us with your mercy, a mercy that understands our failings
and redeems our weaknesses, for your purpose.

**Awaken us with compassion for all your
children, and encourage us to care for each
other.**

Fill us with your Spirit on this Pentecost Day, to recognize your
presence in our world and follow your teaching in our lives.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

WE HEAR THE WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES

“This is the Church..... Happy Birthday to Us!”

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

PROFESSION OF FAITH

****VU # 918 The New Creed – Affirming Our Faith Today***

SCRIPTURE

***Retelling of the Pentecost Story based on
Acts 2: 1-21 (see insert)***

CENTENNIAL PENTECOST SERMON

with SYMBOLS *“The Wind Still Blows”*

Prayer in Response to Symbols *(unison)*

Faithful God,

**Today, we offer ourselves and these symbols as signs of our
history, our growth and our commitment over the last 100
years of the United Church. We respect and honour what
they stand for.**

**May we continue to grow as individuals and as your Church,
just as Christ's followers did at the first Pentecost.**

May we continue to celebrate the gifts God has given us.

May we continue to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, and
may the Spirit continue to blow in this place.

Minister: For all that has beenThanks be to God!
For all that shall be Thanks be to God!

***HYMN VU #376** “*Spirit of the Loving God*”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING INVITATION

We have a “Giving Station”
at each Entrance and one plate that will
remain at the back entrance throughout the service.

***Please Stand for the Offering Hymn while the
Offering is brought forward**

OFFERTORY REFRAIN MV #191

“What Can I Do”

*What can I do? What can I bring?
When can I say? What can I sing?
I’ll sing with joy; I’ll say a prayer.
I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

**Teach us, God, to offer the very best of
who we are in the service of your will
through the mission of this church:
may we offer hope, joy, and reconciliation
in the world so much in need.
Receive what we give for the sake
of Jesus Christ. Amen**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(please see insert)*

ORDER OF SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING OF THE BIBLE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER

(Please stand if able)*

LIGHTING OF THE PENTECOST CANDLE

GREETING

God is good
All the time
All the time,
God is good

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

based on A New Creed,

The United Church of Canada, 1968

We are called to be the Church,
not only today as we celebrate Pentecost and the 100th
anniversary of the United Church of Canada

**not only on Sunday mornings as we gather,
not only when it suits us, but always and in
every place.**

We are called to celebrate God’s presence,
**through song, through prayer, through
action and care for one another, within
these four walls and beyond.**

We are called to live with respect in creation.

**Though the voice of creation comes to us
in many languages and forms, we are called**