



May 20, 2026

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:3-4

Pentecost Sunday marks the "birthday of the Church," celebrating the Holy Spirit's descent upon the apostles to empower their mission. It highlights unity in diversity, enabling believers to speak a universal language of love and peace. Key themes include receiving spiritual gifts for service, overcoming fear, and receiving the Spirit's power for forgiveness.

Empowerment and Mission: Pentecost acts as a "jumping-off point" for the early church, where the Spirit gives believers the courage to move past fear and become active witnesses of God's love and justice.

- **The Church's Birthday:** It marks the shift from a gathering of fearful disciples to a courageous community equipped for service.
- **Unity in Diversity:** The Spirit allows people of different backgrounds, languages, and cultures to understand one another, symbolizing the reversal of the Babel tower division.
- **Spiritual Gifts & Transformation:** Christians are encouraged to embrace the seven special gifts—Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord—to build up the Church.
- **A Living Gospel:** The feast calls on believers to move beyond just celebrating to actively living out the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, such as love, joy, and peace.
- **Breath of Reconciliation:** Jesus breathes the Spirit onto the disciples, linking the gift of the Spirit with the authority to forgive sins and act as a reconciling presence in a broken world.
- *Pentecost Sunday Reflection* suggests that in a frequently divided world, we are called to be agents of harmony, letting the Spirit guide our words and actions.



Worship Calendar

May 24	The Wild Wonder of Pentecost	Matthew 28:18-20 Acts 2:1-21	Rev. Eric Lee
May 31	More than an Observer	John 3:1-17	Rev. Eric Lee
June 7	Communion: The Great Exchange	Romans 1: 18-32 & 2:1-4	Rev. Eric Lee



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Common Scents

Please be advised that our church has a scent-free protocol. It seems that some of our dear parishioners feel unwell due to heavy floral smells. Please be considerate of those in our congregation who are affected by strong smells and odors and refrain from perfumes or colognes when coming to worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you one and all.

Coffee Sign-Up

May 24 - Margaret & Robyn

May 31 - Earl & Jackie

June 7 – Susan & Kathy

Please note: Effective June 14 we will be serving lemonade at the Fellowship time after worship. If you are so inclined to donate a box or 2 of cookies to help cover the summer months, it would be very much appreciated. Please give your donations to Kathy or Susan so that we can store them safely during the summer months.

September Bible Study

Jacob Birch from the Canadian Bible Society will be leading an 8 week bible study beginning on Tuesday, September 22 at 12:15. He will be offering an overview of the bible from Genesis all the way to Revelations. Mark this in your calendars as it should prove to be a fascinating journey through the Bible.

A Spring Devotional Update (May 20):

A **new** edition of **Our Daily Bread** (June/July/August), as well as the current edition of **These Days** (April/May/June) are available on the table in the church vestibule and in the devotional box on the church porch.

Elaine's Craft Club Luncheon

Elaine's Craft Club is inviting the congregation to join them for lunch On Tuesday June 9, 2026, at Prince's Japanese Steakhouse, 5555 Eglinton Ave., E. Mississauga. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the front hallway.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

- * Pray for the people of war-torn countries (Iran, Ukraine,) who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times. Pray for our country, Canada.
- * **Shirley Pollock's** daughter **Laura** who will possibly have an eye removed. Even though she has no sight in the eye, it is still a big decision.
- * Pray for **Ali Tavosoli's** family who resides in Iran.
- * **Also, please keep these people in your prayers:**

Viralyn Goolcharan, Ethel Waite, Glen DeLine, Shirley Pollock's daughter Nancy, Ruth Ann Ross, Bob Woolley, Giulietta Ponzini, Ryan Jory, Harold Hussey, Teresia Njoki, Roman and Adrian P., Ed Lattimore, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Sheila Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family (Wayne, Shannon and Dale), Olive S.

Please keep these folks, and indeed, everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

Note from your editor...could you please advise me from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.



Getting Through the Day with Grace by Julia Attaway

It is in the present that God wants you alive, focused, faithful.

I was thinking the other day, after a good stretch of days filled with drama and trauma and stress, that we're actually only ever given one problem: how to get through today well, with grace and patience and faith and love and wisdom. Then the day comes to an end.

For some reason that idea was immensely comforting to me. We don't have to do it all; my job on any given day isn't to resolve every issue, see the end of the tunnel, or make others happy. My job is not to be happy, to get what I want, enlighten the whole world, or convince others so they understand what I am going through. My job today is deal with today in a Christian manner. Lord knows that can be plenty!

Tomorrow I can worry entirely about tomorrow. But today—oh yes, today! —is what I can do something about now. The moment I am in is the moment God wants me alive, focused, faithful.

As the sun goes down, my job is to find the good that was mixed in with the bad, the satisfaction mixed in with the frustration, the grace mixed in with the temptations. My job is to confess my faults, make amends where I can, forgive what I can, accept my limitations, and rest.

There was evening and there was morning—the first day. Life is easier when we live it the way God ordained it: one day at a time.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome to walk and enjoy Centennial Park
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Monday, May 25 @ 6:30 PM – Mission Team meeting
- * Monday, June 1 @ 6:00 PM – Outreach Team's potluck dinner
- * Tuesday, June 9 – Elaine's Craft Club luncheon at Prince's Japanese Steakhouse
- * Friday, Sept. 11 @ 2:00 PM – Music & Worship meeting



Prayer/Reader/Announcements for 2026

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
May 24	Koko Ikele	Chuka Ikele	Bob Twynam
May 31	Nancy McPherson	Jean Fox	Iris Lee

June 7	Pastor Eric	Maureen Screen	Kathy Twynam
June 14	Kathy Twynam	Margaret Munene	Nancy McPherson
June 21	Halyna Parypa	Georgena Engineer	Susan Chopp
June 28	Pastor Eric	Bob Twynam	Iris Lee



Giulietta's Journey

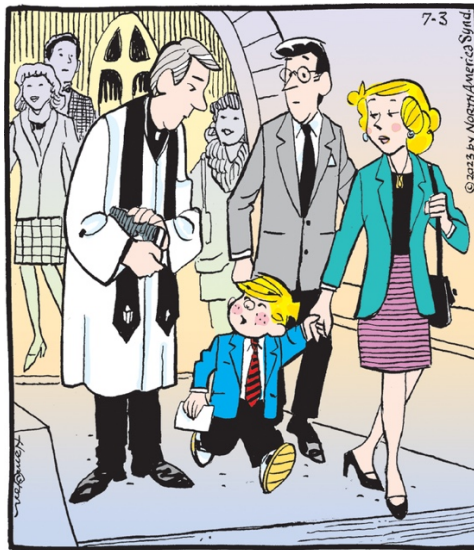
I received this update from my neighbour Sara, whose daughter Giulietta is undergoing treatment for Neuroblastoma. She and her twin sister, Emilianna are soon to turn 4. I thought that since we are praying for this cherished child, I would include Sara's message so that you all know for whom you are praying every Sunday and how the power of prayer does work!

"Giulietta was diagnosed with high-risk neuroblastoma in November 2025 and is currently receiving treatment at The Hospital for Sick Children. She is now halfway through her treatment plan, entering into her second round of high dose chemo and stem cell therapy and, by the grace of God, continues to show strong and steady progress. We are so grateful for the prayers, love, and support surrounding her, along with the incredible care from her doctors and nurses. Giulietta reminds us every day of the power of faith, strength, and miracles.

Thank you again for all the prayers I truly know they are a part of why she is progressing so well."



WEEKLY SMILE



"FOR A PREACHER...YOU SURE KNOW
A LOT ABOUT SIN!"

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3 Mission Awareness Sunday Dwan Billings	4	5 Walking Group 11:00	6	7 Service @ CPP 2:00	8	9
10 Many Roads, One Way Rev. Eric Lee Mother's Day	11	12 *Walking Group 11:00 *Craft Club	13	14 Service @ CPP 2:00	15	16
17 God with Us – and in Us Rev. Eric Lee	18	19 *Walking Group 11:00 *Session 6:30	20	21 Service @ CPP 2:00	22	23
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