

# Elmvale Presbyterian Church

## The Sunday of Pentecost with Holy Communion



**Sunday May 24, 2026**

**Minister: Rev Tom Mason**



**Please stand, if able, for the entry of the Bible**

### **Moment of Quiet Reflection to Prepare our Hearts for Worship**

God of Hope, amid all the concerns in the world around us, we turn to your Word.

Send your Holy Spirit to still our thoughts and speak your wisdom to us. Fill our souls with the loving action of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

**Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session**

**We Enter into God's Presence**

**Responsive Call to Worship (Unison)** Sylvia Tollar

One: We come as guests invited to a table;

**All: We come to celebrate with friends and neighbors.**

One: Jesus Christ, our Friend, and Savior, invites us to gather:

**All: We gather with his friends around the world.**

One: Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise.

**All: We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.**

**Hymn #475 I Am The Church**

**Prayer of Adoration (Unison)**

Gracious and Generous God,

you spread a banquet table and make room for all to come: friend and foe, healed and sick, hopeful, and hopeless.

You feed our desires with goodness and fill our longing with steadfast love. We worship you with grateful praise, together with all your people, here and everywhere, who break bread at your table and who share the cup.

We celebrate our life together in Christ and offer our love and loyalty to you, O God, Source of all goodness, through Jesus Christ, who shares the deepest part of our souls, and your Holy Spirit who prays within us.

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of mercy and mystery,

When you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with clean hands and open hearts. You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with each other. In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements, and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace. Free us from the burdens we carry which we share in this silence, so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world as

We pray in the strong name of Jesus ...

**The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

## **Assurance of Pardon (Unison)**

Hear and believe this good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven. Have the courage to forgive one another, and be at peace – with God, with your neighbor and with yourself.

## **Hymn #398 When The Spirit Of The Lord**

**Family Time & Kids Church The Pentecost Story -**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M>

## **Choir Anthem The Power Of The Cross**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 51: 9-13 (Responsive)** Sylvia Tollar

One: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities.

**All: Create in me a clean heart, O god, and put a new and right Spirit within me.**

One: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

**All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing Spirit.**

One: Then I will teach transgressors your ways,

**All: and sinners will return to you.**

**The New Testament Passage: Acts 2:1-4 and Acts 2:14-21**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message The “3Ps” of Ministry Part #2 (Preaching)** By Rev Tom

## **Hymn #400 Spirit Of The Living God**

**The Prayers Of The People** Sandy Owen

### **Offering Invitation**

Around this table we celebrate God’s generosity to us in Christ and in creation. We present our offering in gratitude for all God has given. Your offering will now be received.

## **Doxology**

### **Prayer Over The gifts**

God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. Our gifts may not be perfect, bless them with your Holy Spirit to spread your goodness in the world, for the sake of Christ, our living Lord.

### **Communion Service**

#### **Hymn #548 Let Us Break Bread Together**

#### **Invitation To The Table**

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. This is the table not of one denomination, but of our one Lord Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time. Our Saviour invites all those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

#### **Invitation**

Jesus invites us to this table and now we do as Jesus did.  
We take this bread and this wine, ordinary things of the world. In these, Jesus has promised to be present.  
Through this bread and wine Christ can make us whole.  
Come all of you this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

As Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth,  
let us also bless God with great thanksgiving.

#### **The Prayer Of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,  
You are source of all that exists.

You are beyond the galaxies, deeper than the oceans.  
You pour down rain and bring forth the fruit of the earth.  
You carry us through deep waters and hold us in the darkest night.  
So, with all your creatures, great and small, with angels and archangels, with saints and servants in every generation we join in the rejoicing of your creation:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy is your Son Jesus, O God,

Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, noticing the forgotten, healing those who reached out, teaching those who sought wisdom, he revealed your kingdom in our midst.

Today we thank you for all Jesus shared with us to show us that you are always with us in times of plenty and times of pain.

And so, we celebrate the mystery of our faith in him:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Holy God,

When the sounds of our rejoicing fall silent, we remember those who cannot rejoice today, who face times of pain or fear or upheaval. We think especially of those whose countries have been overwhelmed by earthquake, flood, and storm, by conflict, drought, or famine. Draw near to them in the power of the Spirit to strengthen and sustain them through Christ's compassion and ours. Holy Spirit, come now and settle on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. May they become for us Christ's body and life blood, healing, forgiving, and for making us whole. So may we become Christ's body, the Church, loving and caring throughout the whole world until that day when all creation feasts with you in the fullness of your mercy and peace in the name of Jesus **Amen.**

### **The Story Of The Last Supper**

The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks for it, he broke it, and said,

'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'  
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying,  
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you  
drink it, in remembrance of me.'  
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim  
the Lord's death until he comes.

*As the bread is broken and cup lifted:*

This is the body of Christ broken for you.

This cup is the blood of Christ shed for you.

*After the elements are shared and returned to the table: (Musical  
"Break bread together")*

### **Prayer After Communion**

Loving God, Christ our Lord, Holy Spirit,

you have nourished us, body, and soul, in this meal.

We have heard your love, so send us out to speak it.

We have seen your love, so send us out to show it.

We have been fed by your love, so send us out to share it.

And let all things be done for your glory. **Amen.**

**The Sharing of the Peace:** May the Peace of Christ be with you.

### **Hymn #284 Revive Your Work, O Lord**

### **Commission and Benediction**

Go from here to serve God, with your strength renewed and your  
faith reassured, for you are part of Christ's body embracing the  
world in his name.

And may that God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in  
believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy  
Spirit, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### **Go Now In Peace**

## **Congregational Happenings and Events**

**Mon May 25 – VBC Meeting 7pm**

**Wed May 27 –Quilting 1pm**

**Thurs May 28 – Coffee Party 9:30-11 am**

**Thurs May 28 - Choir 7 pm**

**Sun May 31 – Trinity & Birthday Cake Sunday**

**WW/ WMS and Compassion Place have joined together in sponsoring a baby bottle campaign running from May 10th to June 21st. Please put your spare change or bills into the baby bottle or donate online.**

**VBS Meeting: Monday, May 25 @ 7pm. This is our year to do VBS in Aug (Aug 10-14). It requires many people to put this on: adult leaders for the Stations, Decorating and helping in other ways. Come and see how you can help out.**

**May 30 – Rev John Borthwick will be at Wasaga Beach Community Presbyterian Church speaking on: A Conversation On Congregational Renewal. RSVP by May 25<sup>th</sup>. See poster by side door.**

**June 6 - Barrie Presbytery Workshop at EPC – See insert Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> - The Annual General meeting will reconvene after morning worship. Further details to follow.**

**Bible Study - We are looking at a Bible Study focusing on Ecclesiastes. Time and dates are not set yet. Let Rev. Tom or Elizabeth know of your interest.**

**We are hosting the Rainforest Falls VBS Aug 10-14 from 9-noon. It is open to all children - JK through to Gr. 5. Let all your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews know about it. Registration forms are here at the church and Public Library. We need Youth leaders who will be entering Gr 6 and**

up and Adult leaders who can help out with programming and decorating. Contact Elizabeth if you can help in any way.

W&N – Looking for helpers for the nursery as needed.

Barrie Presbytery If you are interested in helping a child go to camp, please let Janice Terry or Rev. Tom know. More information coming soon.

Monetary Donations auto-deposit: [donatetoepc@rogers.com](mailto:donatetoepc@rogers.com)  
Please comment where to direct the donation; 1) General 2) Presbyterian Sharing 3) PWS&D 4) other missions such as Food Bank, We Care etc.

Food Bank Needs: Pancake syrup, Hamburg helper, Pudding Mixes, Canned Vegetables – mixed, cream corn, peas, beans, Canned Potatoes, Canned Fruit & Deodorant

Fire Safety – Please make sure all the doors to rooms are closed when you are leaving the church

Dollie Moulden's Library – Dollie's collection of books have been gifted to the church. On display downstairs are her recipe books, please help yourself.

Peace Be With You All



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## Sermon Notes:

This Sunday we take inspiration as we look at Peter's preaching to the great crowd on the Day of Pentecost. As a "Priesthood of All Believers" we look at how we might preach to others in our own daily lives.

### 1. The Theme of Pentecost Acts 2:1-4

Pentecost was an existing Jewish festival (also called the Feast of Weeks) celebrated 50 days after Passover. It brought massive, diverse crowds of Jewish pilgrims from all over the Roman Empire to Jerusalem. God chose this exact moment—when the city was packed with international visitors—to pour out the Holy Spirit, ensuring maximum impact.

### 2. The Symbols of God's Presence

Luke (the author of Acts) uses powerful Old Testament imagery to describe the Holy Spirit's arrival:

- **The Mighty Rushing Wind:** In both Hebrew (*Ruach*) and Greek (*Pneuma*), the word for "wind" or "breath" is the same as "spirit." It signifies the breath of God bringing new life, much like God breathing life into Adam.
- **Divided Tongues of Fire:** In the Old Testament, fire represents the holy presence of God (like the burning bush or the pillar of fire in the wilderness). Previously, God's presence dwelt in the Tabernacle or Temple. Now, the fire rests on *individual believers*. **The people have become the new temple.**

### Acts 2:14-21 – Peter's Explanation and the Joel Prophecy:

*"But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them... 'this is what was uttered through the*

*prophet Joel: "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh..."*

- When the crowd accuses the disciples of just being drunk at 9:00 AM, Peter steps up to deliver a powerful defense. He shifts their focus from a supernatural phenomenon to the fulfillment of Scripture.
- In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was selectively given to specific people for specific tasks—usually kings, prophets, or judges. Peter highlights Joel's promise that this has radically changed: "**On all flesh**": The Spirit is no longer elite or exclusive. **No social boundaries**: It is poured out on sons *and* daughters (gender), young *and* old (age), and even male and female servants (social status). **Prophecy, Visions, and Dreams**: Every believer now has direct access to God and can serve as a mouthpiece for His truth.
- **The key theme of this passage is verse 21**: *"And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* This is the transition into Peter's gospel invitation. He is telling the crowd that the barrier between God and humanity is down. Because the Holy Spirit has arrived and Jesus has accomplished His mission, salvation is now universally available to anyone—regardless of their past or heritage—who calls on the name of the Lord.

As the "**Priesthood of All Believers**" we are also called to  
preach in our own ways:

[Mark 16:15](#) *"And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."*

[Exodus 4:10-12](#) *"But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."*

[2 Timothy 4:2](#) *"Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."*

[Romans 1:16](#) *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."*

## **Congregational Announcement**