

crisis, while having few places for themselves to turn for rest, understanding, or care.

For the past two years, through Mission and Service, something small but powerful has taken place. Northern Indigenous ministers have gathered for a retreat. The retreat is a space for Northern Indigenous ministers to step back from having to lead and give, and step into receiving care and connection.

In Fall 2025, 16 ministers came together with facilitators for five days of rest and renewal. They shared meals and stories, sewed and beaded, and participated in ceremony. These moments provide space to breathe, grieve, and to be among others who deeply understand the weight of this work.

One minister reflected on how meaningful it can be to simply sit in a room with others who know that reality. What it means to not carry everything alone.

That is what the Northern Indigenous Ministers Retreat offers. Not a simple resolution, but something just as important: space. Space where burdens can be shared, even for a little while. Space where healing can begin.

Scripture reminds us to “bear one another’s burdens.” At this retreat, that call becomes real, through presence, community, and care.

This year, a third retreat is being planned at Fisher River Cree Nation, and retreat facilitators hope to welcome even more ministers into healing. The need continues, as does the opportunity to respond.

Through Mission and Service, our gifts help make this possible. They help cover travel, support facilitators, and create space for rest and healing.

When we give, we remind Northern Indigenous ministers that they are not alone. Make your gift to Mission and Service today.

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Pour out your Spirit upon us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Speak to our hearts, minds and souls.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

That we may be changed, enlivened and renewed.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Bless us, and make us people who are a blessing to others.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Renew your whole creation.

Sung Call to Worship

MV 156

“Dance With the Spirit”

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin’,
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin’,
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

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Lighting of the Christ Candle and the World Candle

As we light our Christ candle and our World candle this morning, we are reminded that a single point of light can illuminate all darkness.

A moment of silent reflection: Today is Pentecost Sunday; the Sunday that we consider the ‘birthday’ of the church and when we celebrate to movement of the Holy Spirit as it brings us to a place of love and unity. What are you needing from the Holy Spirit today?

Listen to God’s words for you this morning from Acts 2: 1-4

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 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”.

Opening Prayer

On this Pentecost day, O God, we praise and thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit.

Your Holy Spirit enables us to know and experience your love and presence. Your Holy Spirit transforms, empowers, heals and sustains us. Your Holy Spirit gives us hope in the face of hopelessness, peace in times of conflict, and courage when all seems lost. For all this, we praise and glorify you.

Help us to always be open to the guidance of your Holy Spirit, which you offer freely to us all. Amen

Opening Hymn

VU 382

“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

**¹ Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**² Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.**

**3 Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

**4 Breathe on me, breath of God: so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.****Passing of the Peace**

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Prayer for Reconciliation (Responsive)

Living and Gracious God, Your Holy Spirit blows into our lives,
opening our hearts to your word,
opening us to wonder and new possibilities,
and calling us to service, but often
we are reluctant to embrace your calling,

Forgive us, and restore us through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Living and Gracious God, Your Holy Spirit blows into our lives,
Opening our eyes and ears to injustice, and revealing the needs
of the community around us, but often we are overwhelmed
and do little or nothing,

Forgive us, and restore us through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Living and Gracious God, Your Holy Spirit blows into our lives,
Calling us to be peacemakers and agents of reconciliation,
but often we struggle to make a stand,

Forgive us, and restore us through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Living and Gracious God, if we have lost the wonder of life
in your Holy Spirit and we are no longer expecting change,
let alone miracles:

Forgive us, and restore us through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Living and Gracious God, you have promised that if we confess our sins,
you will grant us forgiveness.

So, we pray, refresh and renew us with the Holy Spirit
so that we may be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Love (from Romans 8)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law
of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh,
could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for
sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement
of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but
according to the Spirit. Amen

Theme Conversation

What do you need from the Spirit?

Our Scriptures Today

Acts 2: 1-21

John 20: 19-23

Reflection

Hymn

VU 378

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

- ¹ Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.
- ² I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies,
but take the dimness of my soul away.
- ³ Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength and mind?
I see your cross: there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you and O let me find!
- ⁴ Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame,
the baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
my heart an altar and your love the flame.

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Invitation to the Offering

Offering Music

Offering Response

VU 542

"We Give You But Your Own"

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

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Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Renew your whole creation.

Pour yourself upon us once more, just as you came to those gathered in Jerusalem on that first Pentecost, for we need your courage and guidance in our lives.

We pray that you might bring healing and hope to the broken places of our world. We pray especially for those communities caught up in conflict and war including those in The Ukraine, South Sudan, Syria, Gaza, and the West Bank. We pray for refugees, and for aid agencies seeking to help. We also pray that you will raise up peacemakers among the leaders of the world, that there may be a commitment to ending conflict.

We pray for our nation. We pray for our leaders, politicians and councillors. We pray that they may serve our communities and nation with justice, compassion and integrity.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Renew your whole creation.

We pray for all who have suffered through floods, wildfires, and drought. We pray that they might get the assistance they need, and that they may have the courage and strength to rebuild their lives, businesses and homes. We pray for teachers and principals in our schools, colleges and universities that they may have a passion and commitment to teach and nurture the young, and not lose heart.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Renew your whole creation.

We pray also for the Police, for Paramedics, hospital emergency department workers and all other frontline workers who seek to keep our community safe. Keep them safe, give them strength and courage, and heal them when they suffer trauma.

And we pray for those who care for the elderly. Give them love and compassion that they may care for the frail and vulnerable with integrity and kindness.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Renew your whole creation.

And we pray for your Church, may our hearts be stirred for the work of love to which you call us and the hope of the world for which we labour,

Today, we have special prayers for:

Joy	Fran	Kim P.	Grace
Liam	Leah	Ellen Jane	Haley
Shirley	Serge	Jennifer	Bill
Janet	Lainey	Sandy	The Olson
Carol	James	Ellen & Art	family-loss of
Kim H.	Brynnley	Robin	Chris

And as a community called to healing and acceptance, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying: **Our Father....**

Closing Hymn VU 380 "She Comes Sailing on the Wind"

Refrain She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

- ¹ Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child. (to verse 2)**
- ² Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on. *Refrain***
- ³ To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart. (to verse 4)**
- ⁴ Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace. *Refrain***
- ⁵ Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. *Refrain***

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Living our Faith this Week

This week we have reflected on the movement of the Holy Spirit bring us to a place of understanding, love and unity with each other. As you go about your week, consider how you can bring the Spirit into your relationships and conversations. How has the Holy Spirit in your life made a difference in who you are? How does the Holy Spirit need to continue working in your life?

Commissioning and Benediction

Go in peace, and may the peace of God, which shines brightly and vanquishes our darkness, always be with you. Go, knowing that God is your rock and your refuge. You are not alone. God is always with you. AMEN.

Sung Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of everyday.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true,
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching us in love.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen**

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