***We acknowledge these lands upon which we worship as the ancestral, cultural, traditional and unceded lands***

***of the Səl̓ílwətaʔ,  Xʷməθkwəy̓əm, & Sḵwx̱wú7meshsi,***

***Musqueam***, *Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.*

***West Point Grey United Church is a safe place for all people to worship***

***regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation***

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***♦*** *Please stand where indicated, as you are able & comfortable*

***Congregational responses are in bold***

**A Celebration of Worship**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**May 20th, 2018**

**♪ Prelude**

 **Welcome and Announcements**

 **Preparing Our Hearts For Worship**

*(gathering words will be followed by a time of silence,*

*ending with the chiming of the singing bowl)*

***Let silence be placed around us now, like a mantle.***

***Let us enter into it, where stillness reigns***

***and God is present.***

**Gathered By The Spirit**

 **Gathering: Acts 2: 1-4** ‘The Day of Pentecost’

**♪♦** **Hymn:** 'Come, O Holy Spirit' ***MV # 23***

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 **Acknowledging The Territory**

We recognize the lands upon which we worship as the ancestral, traditional and unceded lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and

 Tsleil-Waututh people, and light a candle for the ongoing work of

reconciliation with all our First Nations sisters and brothers.

**♦** **Igniting The Pentecost Flame**

 **Prayer of Gathering**

♦**Sharing The Peace of Christ: 平安** ping an

*You are invited to write your name on the paper ‘dove’ that you were*

 *given when you arrived. During the passing of the peace, please*

 *exchange your dove with the person you greet and then keep doing that*

 *until we finish greeting each other. Then you are invited to pray each*

 *day for the person whose name is on the dove you end up with – so that*

 *we are all held in prayer this week.*

**♪** **Gift of Music:** ‘Come, Holy Spirit, Come’ *choir*

 *(arr. Jean Ann Shafferman)*

**Hosting The Word**

*Whether you take what is written in the Bible*

*as fact, metaphor, myth or story – listen to these words*

*for the meaning they hold for you today.*

**♪ Sung Prayer for Illumination:**  ***MV 79***

*Write Your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story;*

*In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring You glory.*

*Spirit, open my heart.*

 **Scripture:** Acts 2: 5-17 ‘*The day of Pentecost'*

***Readers****: Japanese: Rev. Yoko Kihara*

 *English: Elizabeth Tait*

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***May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder,***

***as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.***

**♪**  **Hymn:** ‘Amazing Grace’ ***VU 266***

 **Hosting the Word *Linda Liang***

**Strengthened For The Journey**

**♪****Offertory**

**♪♦ Presentation of Our Gifts**:  ***VU 376***

*Spirit of the living God, move among us all;*

*make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:*

*humble, caring, selfless, sharing,*

*Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!*

 **Prayers of Concern and Celebration**

 *After each petition: God, in Your love …..* ***Hear our prayer***

**♪♦ Hymn:** 'Spirit Of Gentleness' ***VU # 375***

**♦Bubble Benediction:**

*As the words of the benediction are spoken, you are invited to blow*

*bubbles - letting God breathe through you the Spirit of hope and new life into our midst – and as the bubbles land on you, receiving the blessing of*

*God’s peace and love.*

**♪ Choral Blessing:** ***MV 218***

*May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.*

*May God’s love dwell with you, throughout every day.*

*May God’s countenance shine upon you, and be gracious to you.*

*May God’s Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.*

**♪ Postlude**

Welcome to West Point Grey United Church

***Welcome to West Point Grey United on this Pentecost Sunday. May you find here a warm community of Christian friends, a place of encounter with the Sacred, and encouragement for the journey of faith. In the entry to the church, you will find copies of the worship service bulletin – in regular and large print, as well as large-print hymns. There are also copies of the sermon translated into Mandarin. Children are invited to go out for JAM (Jesus and Me children’s program) following the passing of the peace. Following worship, you are invited to a time of refreshment in the community hall.***

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