

without thee, are cold.

SHARON ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH, STELLARTON, N. S. Rev. Douglas H. Gass, Minister Mr. L. N. Miller, IMCM, Organist

ll a.m. Divine Worship May 30, 1971 Order of Service

The Organ Prelude

The Call to Worship

The Introit - Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty The Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

The Hymn 156 - Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove

The Unison Reading 703

The Gloria

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly acknowledge our many sins and offences against Thee, by thought and deed. We have neglected opportunities of good which Thou in Thy love gavest unto us. We have been overcome by temptations, from which Thou wast ready to guard us. We have looked unto men, and not unto Thee, in doing our daily work. We have thought too little of others, and too much of our own pleasure in all our plans. But Thou art ever merciful and gracious to those who turn to Thee. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon us. Give us true repentance and sincere faith in Thee, and grant us grace to live hereafter more worthily of our Christian calling; for the glory of Thy great Name. Amen.

The Children's Hymn 616 - Holy Spirit, hear us

The Children's Prayer

The Scripture Reading: St. John 19:1-12

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Offering and Prayer of Dedication The Anthem "Holy art Thou" - Handel

The Sermon: "CHRIST AND POLITICS"

The Hymn 210 - Stand up, and bless the Lord

The Benediction and Choral Amen

The Organ Postlude

Fellowship Service

This evening at 7 p.m. this congregation will join with Christ Anglican and First Presbyterian congregations in Christ Anglican Church for worship.

Through The Week

Mon: 7:30 p.m. Session

Tues: 8 p.m. Sharon Circle

Wed: 2:30 p.m. Dorcas Circle

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thur: 8:00 p.m. Esther Ruth Unit

Fri: Committee of Stewards at 8 p.m.

Next Sunday: Sunday School closing at 11 a.m.

We are reminded that June 1st. is census date and the co-operation of all is sought so that this census may be carried out effectively.

Memorial Gifts

At the time of a death or on the anniversary of a death people often wish to pay tribute to their friends or relatives through a gift to the church.

Gifts may be made to The Memorial Fund, which is administered by the Trustees and a special Memorial Fund Committee who suggest to the Official Board the use to which this fund is to be put, or you may designate the use of your gift. When a gift is made at the time of death a suitable card is sent to the bereaved family. A sample of this card may be seen on the bulletin board in the entrance.



The Gift of the Spirit

The descending dove is the symbol chosen by the Church to illustrate God's Holy Spirit. This is Pentecost, the name first given to the Jewish "feast of weeks" which fell on the 50th day after the Passover, when the first-fruits of the corn harvest were presented (Deut. 16:9).

As the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles on the 50th day after the Resurrection (Acts 2:1), the name was applied by the Church to the feast celebrating this event, sometimes called Whitsunday.

The United Church of Canada congregations seldom use the term "Whitsunday," and some even make little reference to Pentecost, unless they are aware that this day commemorates the coming of "The Comforter" promised by Jesus. We no longer have a physical Christ on earth, but his Spirit dwells among us. Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost; all three have significance to the Christian Church. It may be because the secular world emphasizes the first two and not the third that the descending dove often finds no place in the modern church.

Cover Picture: Pentecost banner displayed at Stitchery Exhibit, Gravenhurst Ontario, summer 1970.

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