

Sunday Praise and Worship Service

† Order of Service



Acts 2:22-33 (ESV)

²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, ^[a] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

²⁵ For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Footnotes: a. [Acts 2:23](#) Greek *this one*



John 14:15-21 (ESV) Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, ^[a] to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be ^[b] in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

Footnotes: a. [John 14:16](#) Or *Advocate*, or *Counselor*; also [14:26](#); [15:26](#); [16:7](#) b. [John 14:17](#) Some manuscripts *and is*

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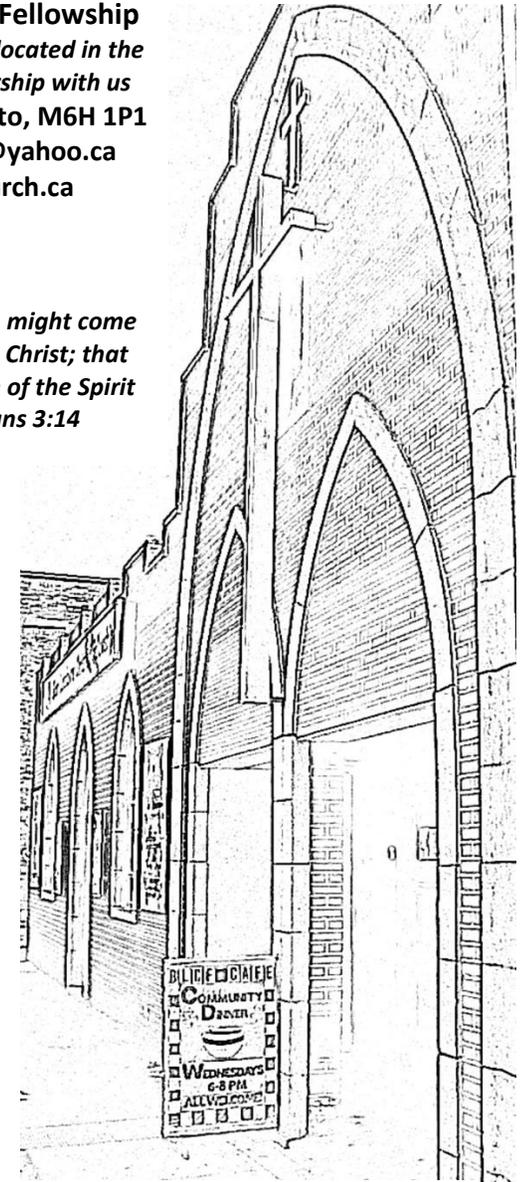
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*That the blessing of Abraham might come
on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ;
that we might receive the promise of the Spirit
through faith.* — Galatians 3:14



- ❖ Sunday ~ 11:00 AM: Praise and Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 11:30 AM Prayer and Bible Study
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 6-8 PM: BLCF Café Community Dinner
- ❖ Friday – 7:00 PM Outreach

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Announcements and Call to Worship: Responsive Reading #668
(*The New Life* – Colossians 3); Prayer

Opening Hymn: #1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Prayer and Tithing: Hymn #572: *Praise God*; Prayer Requests

Scripture Verses: Genesis 2:5-7, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 2:22-33

Message by Steve Mickelson:

'Living within God's New Paradigm of Faith'

Closing Hymn: #276 *In the Stars His Handiwork I See*

Benediction - Romans 15:13: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.



Genesis 2:5-7 (ESV)

⁵ When no bush of the field^[a] was yet in the land^[b] and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,⁶ and a mist^[c] was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Footnotes: a. [Genesis 2:5](#) Or *open country* b. [Genesis 2:5](#) Or *earth*; also verse 6 c. [Genesis 2:6](#) Or *spring*

Genesis 7:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. ²² Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. ²³ He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. ²⁴ And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.



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John 3:1-8 (ESV) You Must Be Born Again

³ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus^[a] by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again^[b] he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.^[c] ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You^[d] must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind^[e] blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Footnotes: a. [John 3:2](#) Greek *him* b. [John 3:3](#) Or *from above*; the Greek is purposely ambiguous and can mean both *again* and *from above*; also verse 7 c. [John 3:6](#) The same Greek word means both *wind* and *spirit* d. [John 3:7](#) The Greek for *you* is plural here e. [John 3:8](#) The same Greek word means both *wind* and *spirit*

John 20:19-23 (ESV) Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews,^[a] Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

Footnotes: a. [John 20:19](#) Greek *Ioudaioi* probably refers here to Jewish religious leaders, and others under their influence, in that time

Acts 2:1-4 (ESV) The Coming of the Holy Spirit

² When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested^[a] on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Footnotes: a. [Acts 2:3](#) Or *And tongues as of fire appeared to them, distributed among them, and rested*

