



# Cordova Bay United Church

## Summer of Pentecost

August 23rd, 2015

*Congregational response: bold print. CBUC uses two hymn books,  
More Voices (soft cover) & Voices United (hard cover)  
\* Hymn: Denotes – please stand if you are able*

### Forming the Circle of Community

Words of Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church (Highlights)

*We recognize and honour the work of many hands and hearts that are the body of Christ.*

Lighting the Christ Candle

**Open Our Hearts** (More Voices 21)

#### Call to Worship:

We draw together searching for truth.

**God show us the way.**

We draw together to share the Good News.

**Christ, show us the way.**

We draw together to renew our faith.

**Spirit, show us the way.**

**\*Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You** (Voices United 232)

#### Opening Prayer:

**Source of Life and love, you call us to gather in groups small and large.**

**You promise to be in the midst of us,**

**wherever and whenever we come together in Your Name.**

**We praise You with song and movement, offering joy and thanksgiving.**

**May all we do and are glorify You and reveal Your love.**

**And may our love be genuine and transforming.**

**In Christ's holy Name, we pray. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\* Family Hymn: This Is God's Wondrous World** (Voices United 296)

*Children and youth are invited to join with our volunteer leaders for a special program  
in the Youth Lounge, returning to the sanctuary at the end of the service.*

### Hearing Sacred Stories and Exploring the Good News

**Prayer of Illumination** (*in song*)

**Open My Eyes, That I May See** (Voices United 371)

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 23:1-5, 1 Peter 1:3-9

Special Music: The Rose - *Margaret Chambers, Kathy Rassenti and Art Rowe*

Sermon: Here's to Life!

**\*Hymn of the Day: Give To Us Laughter** (Voices United 624)

### Responding to God's Call

Joys and Concerns

**Prayer Introit: Spirit, Open My Heart** (More Voices 79) *Chorus Only*

Prayers of Intercession for Others and Ourselves

Offering – The Sharing of Our Time, Talent & Treasure

**\*Offering Hymn: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands** (VU 537)

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication:

**These gifts are a powerful statement.**

**We want to make a difference in our faith community;**

**in our neighbourhood, in your world.**

**Accept and bless these gifts, O God**

**and turn these gifts into practical actions for good.**

**In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Parting Hymn: Seek Ye First the Kingdom** (Voices United 356)

#### Sending Forth:

Go into the world in peace, have courage;

**Hold onto what is good;**

Return to no one evil for evil;

**Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;**

Help the suffering; love and serve God,

**Rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.**

**\*Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!** (Voices United 974)

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment  
in the Fellowship Hall following the service. All are welcome.*

#### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

**Worship Leader** – Rev. Allister Skinner

**Music Leader** – Margaret Chambers, **Pulpit Greeter** – Stephen Godfrey

**Scripture Reader** – Karen Clark, **Technical Support** - Peter Gray

**Children & Youth Program** – Fay Melling

**Door Greeters** – Grace & Russell Lindsay

**Ushers** – Bernice & John Rowan

**Refreshments** – Men's Breakfast

*Flowers provided by Rev. Allister & Iona Skinner  
in memory of Iona's parents, Ed and Molly Stearn.*