

**Online Joint Worship for the Mid Fraser Cluster
Aldergrove, Gladwin Heights, St. Andrew's
and Trinity Memorial United Churches**

**The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 4th, 2021**

Thank you for Connecting for Worship

Today's Leadership includes

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People are invited to share their prayers in the chat during the worship service.

We Gather as God's People

Words of Welcome, Announcements from Each Congregation

Land Acknowledgement Tim

As we gather in this place, we give thanks for land on which we live, work, and play and acknowledge that is the unceded lands of the Stó:lō people. We acknowledge the commitment that they have made since time immemorial caring for the land and the waters. May we learn from them and walk with them to the time when we shall all stand reconciled before God.

Lighting of the Rainbow Candle Tim

Lighting this Candle, we remind ourselves that the Holy Spirit is available to all of God's Children. We acknowledge that many people whose sexual and gender identity is not considered the norm of our culture have been denied a place at the table of Grace. Yet the Spirit welcomes them. In humility and love let us do the same.

Lighting the Christ Candle Tim

The light of Christ dwells within us. It shines in the darkness of the lost lives of little ones. It shines in our fear for an overheated Creation. It shines upon our moments of despair and it shines for the world. We light this candle so we will not forget the light we bear to the world.

Call to Worship Tim

One: God's calls: Human One, be alert, hear the message.

All: In worship and in all our lives we seek God's presence.

One: The Spirit enters this moment and your heart.

All: Let us worship inspired by the Spirit within us.

Prayer of Invocation Tim

Gracious ever calling God. Open our eyes to your presence and your voice that we might be once again transformed into servants of your light. Send your Spirit into our worship time, inspire, transform, and heal us so that we can be who You need us to be. In the blessed name of the Living Christ. Amen.

Hymn: "We Have This Ministry" VU 510

*We have this ministry, and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's word, speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.*

*O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.*

*The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross, the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve,
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.*

Children's Time **Tim**

Hymn: "Like A Rock" MV 92

*Like a rock, like a rock God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.*

*Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean our home is in God evermore.*

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We Listen for the Word of God

First Reading: **2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

5Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. ²For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. ⁹David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. ¹⁰And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

6He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."

⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Sermon **Michael**

Hymn: VU 512 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Lord, you give the great commission:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."

*Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.*

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."

*That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervour,
draw us closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.*

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."

*Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.*

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."

*Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.*

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."

*Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity; with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.*

We Respond

Invitation to Confession Bill

We can come before God to lay open our hearts trusting that our loving God will restore us to right relationship and never give up on us.

Prayer of Acknowledgement Bill

One: Holy One: We are accomplished at ignoring your call and yet You refuse to give up on us. We acknowledge that we see the need of your creation and it's children but chose to leave the mission to others.

All: Call us to action once again.

One: We fear that we will not have what is needed. We know that we will be tempted to seek reward for what we do. We cannot do the work alone. Yet we know that when we step out and answer your call that your Spirit is with us and that your mission is fulfilled.

All: Call us to action once again.

One: With open hearts we pray for your grace as we seek to answer the call.

Amen

All: Amen

Words of Assurance Bill

Beloved Siblings, Rejoice for God will call you to action again and you will do great works for God's mission. Forgiven, let us respond.

All: We hear the call, Thanks be to God.

Prayer Introit "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession Bill

Prayers from the Chat Bill

Lord's Prayer - Spoken VU 960

Acknowledging our Gifts for the work of God Tim

We give thanks for your financial offerings made through cash, cheques mailed or dropped off, Pre-Authorized Remittance and online donations. Together with your donations of time and work, they are used to further God's mission through the work of these congregations. We present these gifts as a sign of thanksgiving to God, from whom all blessings flow.

Doxology: "When We Are Living" VU 581 Vs.2

*Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.*

Offertory Prayer Tim

**Bless these offerings, O Generous God, so that what we give and what we do will bring healing, hope, and reconciliation for all of your Creation.
Amen.**

Hymn: "Go Make a Difference" MV 209

R) Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world. (2x)

*We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.*

We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.

Go make a difference in the world. R (2x)

*We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.*

We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.

Go make a difference in the world. R) (2x)

So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.

Go make a difference in the world.

And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.

Go make a difference in the world.

R) Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world. (2x)

Benediction Michael

Sung Response: MV 212 "Sent Out In Jesus' Name"

*Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes. (2x)*

*The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, justice and of peace.*

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.

O, Help us to obey, and carry out your will.

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