

Order of Service for July 18, 2021

Guest Preacher Rev Rebecca Simpson (Elder Klaas Broersma)

Rebecca is the new Director of Denominational Formation at St. Andrew's hall, and Minister of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Mission, BC. Rebecca graduates Simon Fraser University where she earned a Bachelor of Education with a focus on educational psychology and a major in biology. Her early teaching years were spent in secondary science labs in Maple Ridge, BC, and an adult education program in Swan River, Manitoba. Rebecca continued her studies at Vancouver School of Theology and subsequently served as Camp Douglas Director for the Presbytery of Westminster and Minister at St. Paul's. She lives in Mission with her husband and three nearly-grown children. With a wide variety of experiences within the Presbyterian Church in Canada, she is poised to share in the spiritual formation of future Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Call to Worship (Proverbs 8, John 1, Romans 5)

In the beginning, when God drew a circle on the face of the deep,

Wisdom was there rejoicing, delighting in the human race.

In the beginning was the Word, with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

In every time and place, God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Hymn: #645 "Follow me, the Master said"

Opening Prayers & Children's Story

Chorus: "Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)" (Tomlin)

Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:4-32

Sermon: "Who is Missing?"

Offering & Doxology

Prayers of the People (can be shared in comments of live feed)

Hymn: #640 "Softly and tenderly"

BC Covid Update: Restrictions have been removed. Masks are **recommended** in indoor public settings for all people 12 and older who are not yet fully vaccinated.

Bible Studies & Sunday School: Our Bible Studies and Sunday School classes are on summer break.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Hannah de Vries (July 18), Elias Wiest (July 19), Jenny Broersma (July 21), Ann Gerrits (July 24)

Pastoral Care: Pastor Steve will be taking a month of holidays followed by two weeks of study leave. He will be back in the office on August 31. Please speak to your elder if you have any pastoral concerns.

Election of Elders: Why do churches have elders? The early references in the New Testament describe elders as assisting church ministers: "Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord in whom they had put their trust" (Acts 14:23). From a scriptural point of view, in the early Christian church, the elders were the church leaders who met, thought and reasoned together with the apostles. The tradition of elder in our church today underlines an important principle: The church attempts to seek God's will through the collective decisions made by God's people.

Thought for the Day/Benediction/Amen/Postlude

FOLLOW ME, THE MASTER SAID #645

'Follow me,' the Master said:

we will follow Jesus.

By his word and Spirit led,

we will follow Jesus.

Still for us he lives to plead,

at the throne will intercede,

offers help in time of need;

we will follow Jesus.

Should the world and sin oppose,

we will follow Jesus.

He is greater than our foes;

we will follow Jesus.

On his promise we depend;

he will hear us and defend,

help and keep us to the end;

we will follow Jesus.

Though the way may dark appear,

we will follow Jesus.

He will make our pathway clear;

we will follow Jesus.

In our daily round of care,

as we plead with God in prayer,

with the cross which we must bear,

we will follow Jesus.

Ever keep that end in view;

we will follow Jesus.

All his promises are true;

we will follow Jesus.

When this earthly course is run,

and the Master says, 'Well done!'

life eternal we have won;

we will follow Jesus.

AMAZING GRACE (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,

that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found,

was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

and grace my fears relieved,

How precious did that grace appear,

the hour I first believed.

CHORUS:

My chains are gone. I've been set free,

my God, my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy reigns,

Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me.

His word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be,

as long as life endures. *Chorus*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,

the sun forbear to shine.

But God, who called me here below,

will be forever mine,

will be forever mine.

You are forever mine.

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY #640

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,

calling for you and for me:

patiently Jesus is waiting and watching,

watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

"Come home, (come home,) come home, (come home),

ye who are weary, come home";

earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,

calling, O sinner, "Come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,

pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,

mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

Oh for the wonderful love he has promised,

promised for you and for me;

though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,

pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*