

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

**The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 25th, 2021**

<p>Thank you for Connecting for Worship Today's Leadership includes Preacher: The Rev. Tracy Fairfield Presiding: The Rev. Michael Hare & The Rev. Tracy Fairfield Musician: Jacob Greenan Song Leader: Deborah Handley & Jerry Johnson Technical Support: Jeremy Wright</p>
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People are invited to share their prayers in the chat during the worship service.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement **Tracy**

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 the Rainbow Candles: **Tracy**

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: **Tracy**

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world.

May its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

Call to Worship: **Tracy**

Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

And we, your faithful people, bless you.

We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

We shall let all people know of your mighty deeds and glorious splendour.

Prayer of the day: **Michael**

Generous God, you give us what we need and satisfy our desires in due season.

Grant that our inner beings may be strengthened through your Spirit,

and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith,

that you may accomplish within us

far more than we can ask or imagine. Amen

Hymn: "Come, Children Join to Sing" VU 345

*Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!
Christ calls his people friends,
the helpless he defends,
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!*

*Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!
The whole creation o'er let all God's love adore,
singing for evermore: Hallelujah!*

Childrens' Time: Michael

Hymn: "Healer of our every ill" VU619

*Refrain: Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*You know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.*

Refrain

*In the pain and joy beholding, how your grace is still unfolding.
Give us all your vision, God of love.*

Refrain

*Give us strength to love each other,
Every sister, every brother. Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.*

Refrain

*You who know each thought and feeling,
Teach us all your way of healing. Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.*

Refrain

Call to Confession: Michael

Let us confess to our God,
for God is just in all ways and kind in all doings.
God is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

Prayer of Confession:

**God, you uphold those who are falling
and raise up all who are bowed down.
Therefore we confess our sins,
both things we have done and things
we have left undone,
in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in forgiveness
and love. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon: Michael

Dearly beloved,
through the power of the Spirit that is at work within us
God forgives our sins and strengthens our inner selves.
Live now knowing the love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge
and fills us with the fullness of God.

Thanks be to God

We Listen for the Word of God

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "We Are Not Alone" Tracy

Song for Reflection: "You will be found" –From "Dear Evan Hansen"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R83hecEr8bY>

*Have you ever felt like nobody was there?
Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere?
Have you ever felt like you could disappear?
Like you could fall, and no one would hear?*

*Well, let that lonely feeling wash away
Maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay
'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand
You can reach, reach out your hand*

*And oh, someone will coming running
And I know, they'll take you home*

*Even when the dark comes crashing through
When you need a friend to carry you
And when you're broken on the ground
You will be found*

*So let the sun come streaming in
Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again
Lift your head and look around*

*You will be found
You will be found
You will be found
You will be found
You will be found*

*There's a place where we don't have to feel unknown
(Oh my god, everybody needs to see this)
And every time that you call out
You're a little less alone*

~~ dialogue ~~

*(I can't stop watching this video, seventeen years old)
If you only say the word
(Take five minutes, this will make your day)
From across the silence your voice is heard
Share it with the people you love
(Repost, the world needs to hear this)
(A beautiful tribute, favourite!)
(I know someone who really needed to hear this today)*

*(So thank you Evan Hansen for doing what you're doing)
(I never met you Connor, but coming on here, reading everyone's posts)
(It's so easy to feel alone, but Evan is exactly right—we're not alone, none of us)
(We're not alone, none of us! None of us!)
(None of us are alone) (Like, forward)*

*Even when the dark comes crashing through
When you need a friend to carry you
When you're broken on the ground
You will be found*

*So let the sun come streaming in
Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again
If you only look around
You will be found (You will be found)
You will be found (You will be found)
You will be found*

*Out of the shadows
The morning is breaking
And all is new, all is new*

*It's filling up the empty
And suddenly I see that*

All is new, all is new

*You are not alone
You are not alone
You are not alone
You are not alone*

*You are not alone (You are not alone)
You are not alone (You are not alone)
You are not
You are not alone (You are not alone)*

*Even when the dark comes crashin' through
When you need someone to carry you
When you're broken on the ground
You will be found!*

*So when the sun comes streaming in
Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again
If you only look around*

*You will be found
You will be found
You will be found
You will be found!
You will be found*

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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: Michael

Prayers shared from the Chat: Michael

The Lord's Prayer VU 960 (Spoken)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Acknowledging Our Gifts for the Work of God: Tracy

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 Verse 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

We rejoice with thanksgiving for all that we have received. Multiply these gifts that we give so that the world may more deeply know fullness of life in you. Amen

Hymn: "Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving" MV 185

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.

God, you've been so good to me.

Ev'ry day you're blessing me.

You know that ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.

I will glorify you, O My God, today!

*You keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
You opened the door that I might see, you're blessing me.
And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
I will glorify you, O my God, today.*

Benediction: Tracy

Hymn: "Sent out in Jesus' Name" MV 212

*Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now to
Make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love, of 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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