

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

**The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 8th, 2021**

**Thank you for Connecting for Worship**

**Today's Leadership includes**

Preacher: The Rev. Tracy Fairfield

Presiding: The Rev. Michael Hare & The Rev. Bill Booth

Musician: Donna Poncelet

Song Leader: Deborah Handley & Jerry Johnson

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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 **Bill****

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: **Bill****

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: **Bill****

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: **Bill****

By the power of the Holy Spirit our steadfast loving God reaches out to redeem us.

**Thanks be to God**

**Prayer of the Day: **Bill****

**Redeeming God,**

**you satisfy our soul's hunger through Jesus Christ, the bread of life.**

**Filled with your steadfast love, let us live in love,**

**working to share with the needy,**

**feeding others with the bread of kindness,**

**tenderness and forgiveness. Amen**

## Hymn: "Morning has broken" VU 409

*Morning has broken like the first morning,  
black bird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them springing, fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning.  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!*

## Childrens' Time: **Bill**

### Hymn: "There is Room for All" MV 62

*There is room for all in the shadow of Gods' wing;  
there is room for all sheltered in Gods' love.  
And I rejoice and sing,  
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust"  
There is room for all, there is room for all.*

### Call to Confession: **Michael**

**Let us confess our sins  
to the One who hears our voice  
and is deeply moved by our distress.**

### Prayer of Confession:

**God of mercy:  
you have called us to be thankful  
for your good gifts to us,  
but too often we have taken them for granted  
as if we deserved them.  
You have called us to be hopeful  
through the gospel of Jesus Christ,  
but too often despair has come upon us,  
and the cares of the world  
have weighed us down.  
You have called us to be joyful  
in the wonder of your presence among us,  
but too often we become mired in the mundane  
and lose the gift of reverence.  
By your saving power, O God,  
enable us to celebrate your love for us  
with joy and thanksgiving.**

### Assurance of Pardon: **Michael**

Friends in Christ, hear and believe this good news!  
"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness".  
We may trust the mercy of God:  
in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God**

## **We Listen for the Word of God**

### **Psalm 130**

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.*

*Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?*

*But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.*

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;*

*my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.*

*O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.*

*It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.*

### **Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

*So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon: Tracy**

**Hymn: "We are Pilgrims" VU 595**

*We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travelers on the road;*

*we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

*Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;*

*pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;*

*I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;*

*I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

*Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;*

*pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

## **We Respond 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: 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 Tracy**

**Generous, transforming God,  
thank you for the blessing of labour,  
through which you have provided these gifts  
for our hands to share with those in need.  
We dedicate them now as an expression of your love  
for the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### **Hymn: “There’s a Spirit in the Air” VU 582**

*There’s a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:  
“Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.”*

*Lose your shyness, find your tongue, tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow’s life today!*

*When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.*

*Still the Spirit gives us light, seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow’s life today!*

*When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.*

*May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay, live tomorrow's life today.*

*There's a Spirit in the air, calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.*

**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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