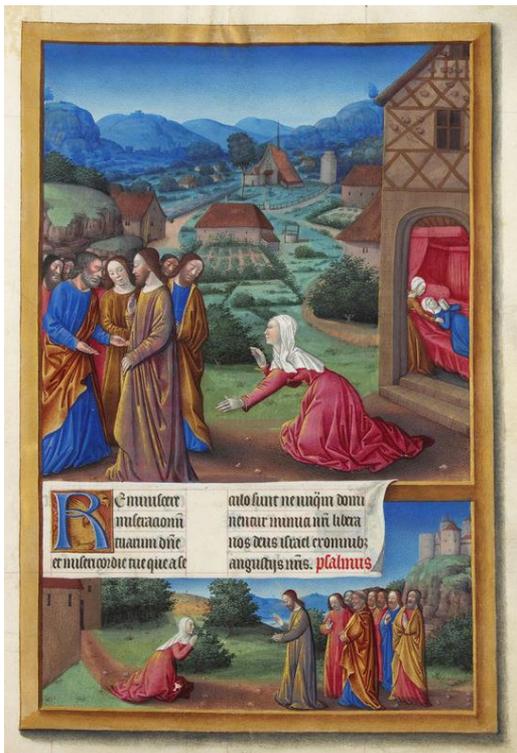


Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

15th Sunday after Pentecost (*Ordinary 23*)

September 5, 2021 - 10:00 am



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories
of the Esquimalt, Songhees and W̱SÁNEĆ people,
the traditional custodians of these lands.*

Prelude (please be seated)

Welcome and Introduction (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

Please stand as you are able.

Priest: We gather today as the blind person
who does not see the suffering in our world.
We are the deaf person
who does not hear the cries of the poor
and the mute who fails to speak up against injustice.
We come to Jesus for healing
so we may speak out against people
and systems that oppress
and silence the voices of the least among us.
And so, we come before God – Let us Worship.

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace
from God our creator
and our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: This is the day that God has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord,
our God, though we have rebelled against him.
Let us then renounce our wilfulness and seek his
mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.**

Priest: Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 423 How Great Thou Art
(tune: How Great Thou Art)

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

***Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *Refrain***

**But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain***

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim,
“My God, how great thou art!” Refrain**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: God of power and compassion,
in Christ you reveal your will to heal and to save.
Open our ears to your redeeming word
and move our hearts by the strength of your love,
so that our every word and work
may proclaim Jesus as Messiah,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Proverbs 22 :1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Reader: *Kathleen Patterson*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

The reading can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-09-05>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125

Response:

Glorious things are spoken of you, Zion, city of our God.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
As the hills stand about Jerusalem,
so the Lord stands round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore. *(Response)*

The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway
over the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous turn their hands to evil. *(Response)*

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are true of heart.
Those who turn aside to crooked ways
the Lord shall take away with the evildoers;
but let there be peace upon Israel. *(Response)*

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: CP 612 Healer of Our Every Ill

(tune: Healer of Our Every Ill)

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

**You who know our fear 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***

THE GOSPEL: Mark 7: 24-37

Reader: *Kathleen Patterson*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2021-09-05>

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Organ Solo: *Voluntary in D-Minor* by William Walond

A Liturgical Affirmation (The Iona Community)

Please stand as you are able.

Priest: Let us declare our faith in God
in the following statement of faith
based on Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

**All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession: *Led by Kathleen Patterson*
Please note that the varying congregational responses are in
Bold letters.

We come to you in prayer
as the summer season draws nearer to its close:
we give you thanks for the occasions
we have enjoyed to catch up with family and friends;
to travel for recreation and restoration
and let our worries go.

We are grateful for each moment
to savour the beauty of creation.

Refresh us for the season ahead we pray,

All: and renew our commitment to serve you.

O God, Jesus faced many demands wherever he went,
and pressure from critics, whatever he did.

We pray for all those

who have not found rest this summer:

for those whose work is stressful,
exhausting, or unappreciated;

for those whose livelihoods remain uncertain,
because of the pandemic

or through disasters caused by heat, fire, or storm.

We pray for those with hard choices to make,

about work or school or what comes next,

about relationships and priorities,

or about social policy and community leadership.

(Hold silence.)

Caring God,

**All: May they know your strength
and guidance day by day.**

Today we remember those
for whom this summer has been filled with suffering:
we pray for those who have lost loved ones,
and those facing an uncertain future
or a difficult diagnosis.

We pray for those who have lost their homes,
for whatever reason,
and for those who despair about the climate crisis
and what can be done to repair the suffering earth.

(Hold silence.)

We pray for all those who join efforts
to relieve suffering of any kind.

**All: May each one find courage
to face tomorrow in your company.**

God of new beginnings,
we pray for all children and teens
who are starting a new school year again
in the midst of another increase in COVID cases.
Grant them a safe start.

We pray for teachers and aides, support staff,
and all who work with students.

Grant them health and stamina
to navigate these times as they provide
a safe and positive learning environment.

(Hold silence.)

We pray that you will hold them all in your hand.

**All: May they grow together into the loving and
remarkable people you have created them to be.**

O God, we need the embrace of your presence,
each in our own way.

As we prepare to leave this service,
walk with us, and show us how to live each day
as those who follow Jesus.

Receive all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: Now we pray in the words that our Saviour taught us:

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God

**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God,
from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion and Blessing

Priest: May God the Father
prepare your journey,
Jesus the Son
guide your footsteps,

the Spirit of Life
strengthen your body,
the Three in One
watch over you,
on every road
that you may follow.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn:

CP 309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

(tune: Praise the Lord)

**Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.**

**Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.**

**Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.**

**Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.**

**Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.**

**Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.**

**Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment;
nothing let your praise destroy.**

**Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.**

Priest: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Thank you to all who helped with this service: Presider: Rev. Daniel Fournier; Reader and Intercessions: Kathleen Patterson; Musicians: Patricia Bates, Daniel Fournier, Barbara Reul, Susanne Reul-Zastre, and Genevieve Richards; Sidespersons: Barb Prescott and Heather Simpson; Creation of Prayers of Intercession: Joan Scandrett; Videographers: Sharon McMillan and Ray Lett; Service Planning and Service Outline: Daniel Fournier; Proofreading, Posting Bulletin and Livestream Link at the Website: Barb Prescott; Posting the Link at Facebook: Sharon McMillan; Printing Readings and Bulletins: Bonnie Watkins.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS – September 5th to 12th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Retirement of Bonnie Watkins** – It is with sadness that I share with you that Bonnie Watkins, our Parish Administrator, has announced that she will be retiring at the end of September. For this reason, I have accepted her resignation. I am grateful for the many years that Bonnie has often been the first contact for anyone who comes into the office. Her experience and knowledge of so many parish-related things will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best, and God's blessings as she enters into retirement. Daniel +

***In-person services are being offered over the summer and into the fall starting at 10 am. Next Sunday's service and the services going forward will be Eucharists.** Anyone wishing to attend will need to register by phoning (250-477-6741) or e-mailing the office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) before noon on the Friday, prior to the Sunday service you wish to attend. (This will help us manage our capacity limits at this

time.) **You will need to wear a mask, be distanced in the church except within family groups or established bubbles, and use hand sanitizer when entering the church.**

***Coffee Time via Zoom will start at 11:30 am after the in-person and livestreamed service.** Watch for the link, which will be sent out by e-mail and join us in your home via Zoom. Hope to see you there.

***St. Luke's Yard Sale in the Parking Lot – THIS SATURDAY, September 11th, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm** – Everyone is invited to help in any way they can. Please let Brenda Morgan or Heather Simpson know if you are able to help. We will need help with setting up, sorting, selling, cleaning up, and things not thought of yet! To volunteer or for more information, please contact Heather or Brenda.

****A Video of Redevelopment Meeting** is posted at the **News page of St. Luke's website**. A copy of the brochure handed out at the meeting is posted there as well. Copies are also available from the office.

***Thank You for Your Support for the Ongoing Ministry** of St. Luke's Church through your offerings by writing a cheque, making a donation online through Canada Helps, and by signing up for ECP. We greatly appreciate your offerings each week, whether by putting an offering into the plate in the church, dropping off or mailing your donation, making a donation online through Canada Helps, or by signing up for ECP.

****An Update from the Envelope Secretaries** – At our Annual General Meeting in February, the congregation approved the 2021 budget, which included a projection of \$166,000 in donations. After the first seven months of 2021, donations total \$71,395 which is 43% of the budgeted amount for donations. To meet our projected donations, the percentage to the end of July should be 58% of \$166,000 (or \$96,280). Now that we are gradually getting back to regular in-person services (while continuing to livestream the services), we hope that you will

take some time consider your givings to date this year. Your past and future support is greatly appreciated.

Livestreaming Help Needed – A big thank you to Sharon McMillan who has been the main person organizing the livestreaming since we started livestreaming in March. Thank you to Ray Lett as well who is learning the ropes in this area. We are hoping to create a roster of people who can help with the livestreaming each Sunday. We would like to find enough people to help so that two people could work as a team one Sunday per month. If we aren't able to find enough volunteers, we'll need to hire someone to cover off on some Sundays. **If you are interested in learning new skills in this area, please talk to Sharon McMillan after the service, or to Daniel, or leave your name with Bonnie in the office.** An orientation session and training will be provided.

****Prescription Deadline – Friday, September 17th** is the deadline for submissions for the Fall issue of St. Luke's Prescription. Please send along your articles, photos, poems, and other creative endeavours to Sharon McMillan or Barb Prescott. Or send them to St. Luke's Church Office at admin@stlukecedarhill.ca or to prescription@stlukecedarhill.ca.

****The September issue of the Diocesan Post is now available online at the News page of St. Luke's website.** Print copies are available in the church or from the parish office. Or please call the office (250-477-6741) to ask to have a copy delivered.

****Double the Need, Double the Donation** - The Shelbourne Community Kitchen's latest fundraising effort has been given a huge boost by a generous anonymous donor who has offered to match any donations up to \$20,000. This generous offer could not have come at a better time as the need for programs has more than doubled due to COVID, and The Kitchen has moved to a new location in order to meet the growing community need for food security. Donations can be made through the website www.shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca or directly through www.canadahelps.org and search for the

Shelbourne Community Kitchen. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

***Thank You to Everyone who helped with this year's Amazing Journey Day Camp, which was held from August 9th to August 13th outdoors at St. George's.** The campers and volunteers had a great time! Lots of pictures from the camp are now posted on the **News pages of St. Luke's website.**

****Root** – This five-week series (beginning Wednesday, September 1st) follows a format similar to the popular "Dignify" videos. In this series, five reflectors, including Bishop Anna, consider our origins in creation and our call to reconnect with our rootedness in it, towards finding our way through the ecological crisis at hand. In the first episode of "Root", Bishop Anna considers the connection between our theology and our cosmology, and its implications amidst the ecological crises of our day. Watch this episode at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

***Sound System Upgrade Appeal** – Please read a letter from Daniel at the **News page of St. Luke's website** regarding an appeal for donations towards a very necessary upgrade to our sound system as livestreaming continues to be an important aspect of our ministry. Thank you to those who have made donations through your envelopes or through Canada Helps. **Donations as of August 31st total \$2,755, 71% of the way to our goal of \$3,900.**

***Country Grocer Save A Tape Program Update** – Please continue to collect your Country Grocer receipts and turn them in to Bonnie at the Church Office, mail them to the Church Office, or put them in an envelope in the mail slot. We have now collected \$5,000.23 in grocery receipts and have reached our first goal of \$5,000 in receipts to receive a \$50.00 gift certificate. Well done, everyone! As of August 31st, **we have \$1,762.93 towards our next goal of \$5,000 to receive a second \$50.00 gift certificate.** So please keep dropping off your receipts. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – You are invited to take part in a new fundraising program using these reloadable cards, similar to the Smile Cards but for use at any of the ten Fairway Market stores on Vancouver Island. **St. Luke's automatically receives 5% from Fairway Market for every dollar loaded on the card.** To join in this program, please pick up your reloadable card from St. Luke's Office. Please contact St. Luke's office for more information or see more information at the **Fundraising page of St. Luke's website.**

Level Ground Fundraiser – Do you drink coffee or tea or know someone who does? You are invited to take part in a new fundraising program when you buy coffee, tea, and dried fruit through Level Ground Trading. **When you order online at Level Ground Trading, St. Luke's will receive 15%.** ONLINE ORDERING IS EASY! Visit **Shop at Level Ground** (<https://levelground.com/collections>). At checkout, use the code **StLuke** to ensure the 15% comes to St. Luke's. The minimum order is \$40 for the 15% return to St. Luke's and this includes free shipping. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan - The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Primate. **In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Arthur Turner Training School, the Centre for Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Saint John's College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College for Ministry. We also pray for the Right to Water and a renewed commitment to the stewardship of creation in this Season of Creation. **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the Congregation of Holy Trinity, Sooke. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the leaders and people of the Territory of the People.



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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY September 12, 2021

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Psalm 19 or Wisdom of Solomon 7: 26-8: 1

James 3: 1-12

Mark 8: 27-38

FLOWERS

Flowers at St. Luke's are coordinated by Ann Séguin.