

First United Church

July 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



**Purpose: Building Relationships,
Living God's Transforming Love.**

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- Is a request to stand in body or in spirit

Prelude

Alison Vicary

Listening as we Gather

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Jenn Hind-Urquart

One: Let us pause for a moment and consider our role in reconciliation.

All: First United Church resides on treaty lands known as the Haldimand Tract, which straddle either side of the Grand River, from Lake Erie all the way to north of Shelburne, and upon the traditional territory of Attawandaron, Anishinaabe, and Haudenosaunee people. We recognize this gathering place where we worship and serve is home to many past, present, and future First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. May our honouring of the land and worship of Creator this day plant a seed that will grow into relationships of justice and healing between settlers and Indigenous peoples in our midst.

One: We aspire to create a safer space for everyone. We welcome you and the gifts you bring as part of your sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, race, cultural background or abilities.

Opportunities for Ministry and Fellowship

- **Introit:** God Welcomes All
God welcomes all, strangers and friends,
God's love is strong and it never ends

Lighting of the Christ Candle and procession of the Word

Call to Worship

One: "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!"

All: How good it is to be together.

One: How good it is to be in this place, this special place.

All: How good it is to worship together.

One: How very good and pleasant it is when the people of God gather to worship.

All: With gladness, we worship today.

Elaine Bidgood Sweet, First Lutheran, Rugby & Leeds, North Dakota

- **Opening Hymn** | I Feel the Winds of God

VU 625

Prayer of Approach

Loving God, In response to your call, we have come to worship. We humbly worship you, and we reach out our Hearts to show love and care to all. May our worship this day feed our work. May our praise energize our faith. May our prayers and songs feed our souls for the life of service. Amen

Beth W. Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask.

Listening For God's Word

Readings from Our Tradition

Jonah 2: 1-9 (ceb)

Rev. Jenn Hind-Urquart

One: Herein Lies Wisdom.

All: Thanks Be To God.

Ministry of Music: Trees
Autumn Debassige - Soloist

Oscar Rasbach

Sermon: By Way of Water

Rev. Jenn Hind-Urquart

- **Hymn** | In You there is a Refuge (vs 1 & 2)
(Led by Autumn Debassige)

MV 84

Responding to God's Word

Time of Offering

Offertory | Thou Art God
Autumn Debassige (Soloist)

Lionel Bourne

Dedication of Offering | What Can I Do

MV 191

Prayer of Dedication:

For all the ways we are givers and receivers, we give thanks.

May the presence of the Holy One take what we offer and continue to create abundance in our lives.

May the Love that lives in the giving ourselves be known to all who encounter us and may these offerings become a beacon of hope for others

Amen

Call to Prayer O God Hear My Prayer

VU 948

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.

• **Sending Hymn** Will Your Anchor Hold

VU 675

Sending Forth and Benediction

Let us be changed by the way of water, because by way of water we are charged with the duty to proclaim God's Love. So, let us find our way through, for the fruitful darkness is all around us, in bloom. God loves you, God keeps you, God's face is forever shining upon you, and it is for this reason the peace of Christ is with us all. Amen

• **Response** Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen

VU 974

Recession of the Light and Word

Postlude:

Alison Vicary

Guest Biography

My name is Rev. Jenn Hind-Urquhart, but you can just call me Jenn. My pronouns are she/her and my wife's name is Rachel. We do not have kids but we do have a 17yr old furbaby named Boots whom we thoroughly spoil. In 2017 I was ordained into congregational ministry by the United Church of Canada. I have spent the last 6 years in Congregational Ministry with Emmanuel United Church in Waterloo and I am now the Grief and Bereavement Specialist and Spiritual Care Practitioner with the Stedman Community Hospice in Brantford. I look forward to being with you.

Rev. Jenn