

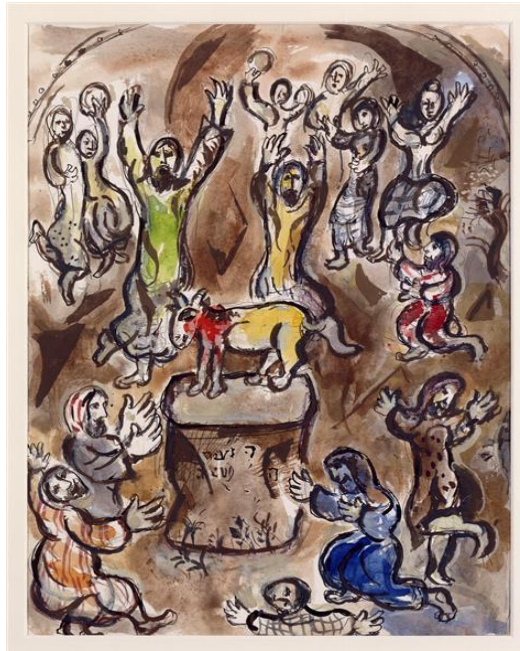
# First United Church

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October 15, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Food Sunday**



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

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Bulletin Art: "The Adoration of the Golden Calf" (1966) by Marc Chagall

- Is a request to stand in body or in spirit

**Prelude** Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (VU 563) C. Gabarain arr. John Carter  
When We Are Living (VU 581) Spanish Melody arr. John Carter

## *Listening as we Gather*

### Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

**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:** Seek Ye First the Kingdom

VU 356

### Lighting of the Christ Candle and procession of the Word

- **Call to Worship**

**One:** In a world with too many who go hungry,

**All: we come for the bread of life.**

**One:** In a world where too much of the harvest rots undistributed,

**All: we come to share in the harvest of God's word.**

**One:** In a world where a few have too much and too many have so little,

**All: we come seeking the Reign of God in our hearts.**

**One:** In a world of farmers living hand to mouth to feed people in other countries,

**All: we come to move from "just us" to justice.**

**One:** We come, O God, in prayer:

**All: Persist within our hearts, O Christ, that your law of self-giving love may become the centre of our living faithfully, may empower our reaching out to others, may widen our vision for a global perspective, and may extend our embrace to include everyone. Come to us in word, song, prayer, and praise. Amen.**

**Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont.**

- **Opening Hymn** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

VU 288

### **Prayer of Transformation**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

### **Words of Assurance**

## *Listening For God's Word*

**Ministry of Music - Family Choir:** A Thanksgiving Song  
The Sharing Song  
pianist, Isaac Morland

Don Shaffer  
Raffi

**The Story for the Young at Heart**

(Suzanne Armstrong)

### **Scripture Readings**

**Exodus 32:1-14**

(Reader: Joanne MacPhail)

One: Herein Lies Wisdom.

**All: Thanks Be To God.**

**Responsive Psalm 106**

VU 830

**Ministry of Music - Gallery Choir:** Make a Joyful Noise/Bwana Asafiwe     Mark Sirett  
Psalm 100; Swahili: Praise the Lord; all you nations

**Reflection:** "So, YHWH Relented"

Rev. Hoeun Lee

- **Hymn** O God, How We Have Wandered

VU 112

# *Responding to God's Word*

## **Time of Offering**

**Offertory** Cantai ao Senhor (VU 241) Trad. Brazilian tune, arr. J. Clemons

- **Hymn** We Plough the Fields (chorus only) VU 520

## **Prayer of Dedication:**

**All: Gracious God, bless our gifts of hearts and lives. Bless our offerings. Multiply what our gifts can do. Use our gifts to end inequity and oppression. Amen.**

*Gary Simpson, McDougall U.C., Edmonton, Alta.*

**Call to Prayer** For Food in a World VU 552

## **Prayers of the People**

### **A Latin American Lord's Prayer**

**God, who is in us here on earth, holy is your name in the hungry who share their bread and their song. Your Kin-dom come, which is a land flowing with milk and honey. Let us do your will, raising our voice when all are silent. You are giving us our daily bread in the song of the bird and the miracle of the corn. Forgive us for keeping silent in the face of injustice. Don't let us fall into the temptation of taking up the same arms as the enemy. But deliver us from evil. Give us the perseverance to look for love, even if we fail; so we shall have known your Kin-dom which is being built forever and ever. Amen.**

- **Sending Hymn** Sent Out in Jesus' Name MV 212

## **Sending Forth and Benediction**

- **Benediction Response** Sing Amen VU 431

## **Recession of the Light and Word**

**Postlude:** Prelude in Classic Style Gordon Young