

August 17, 2025 Liturgy

## GOD WELCOMES US

Welcome, God's Greeting, Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 86:8-12 NIV Lord, there's no one like you among the gods. No one can do what you do. Lord, all the nations you have made will come and worship you. They will bring glory to you. You are great. You do wonderful things. You alone are God.

**Lord, teach us how you want us to live. Do this so that we will depend on you, faithful God. Give us a heart that doesn't want anything more than to worship you. My God, I will praise you with all my heart. I will bring glory to you forever.**

### ***Hear Our Praises***

May our homes be filled with dancing;  
may our streets be filled with joy.

May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn and pray.

**From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to you.**

**From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.**

May your light shine in the darkness as we walk before the cross.

May your glory fill the whole earth as the water over the seas.

### **Refrain**

### ***Praise is Rising (Hosanna)***

Praise is rising, Eyes are turning to You, We turn to You  
Hope is stirring, Hearts are yearning for You, We long for You

'cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

**Hosanna! Hosanna! You are the God who saves us,  
Worthy of all our praises Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus**

Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You – we turn to You  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new – you make us  
new 'cause when we see You we find strength to face the day.  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

**Refrain**

### ***Here I Am to Worship***

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life  
spent with you.

**Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;  
here I am to say that you're my God.**

**You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.**

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came to the earth you created,  
all for love's sake became poor. **Refrain**

Old Testament reading: Prayer for wisdom - 1 Kings 3:4-15

Children are blessed and leave for Summer Blast

Call to Confession: Every week, as we worship together, we have the chance to admit to ourselves and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of examining our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just and eager to offer grace and love. We'll give ourselves time to first pray in silence. Let's pray in silence to our Father in Heaven. Lord, we want to hear you speak.

Prayer of Confession

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

Scripture text: Mt. 13:51-58

Message title: "Following Wisdom"

***Christ, Be Our Light***

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your Word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

**Refrain**

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

5 Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

**Refrain**

Prayers of the People

GOD SENDS US TO SERVE

Offering: St. Philip's Neighbourhood Table

Benediction

***God of Grace and God of Glory***

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient church's story,

bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

This reading from God's Word comes from 1 Kings 3:4-15

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, 'Ask for whatever you want me to give you.'

Solomon answered, 'You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and

righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

‘Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?’

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, ‘Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for – both wealth and honour – so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.’ Then Solomon awoke – and he realised it had been a dream.

He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.