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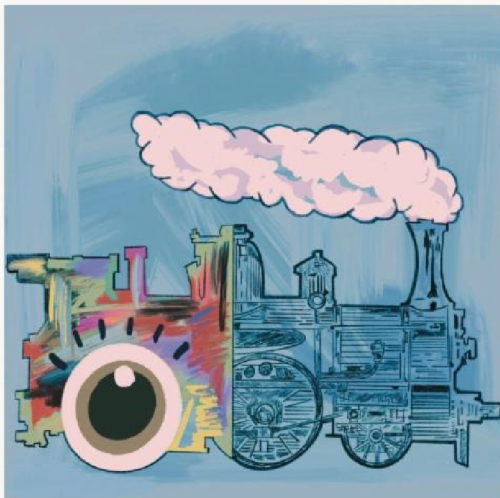
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Sunday Postscript



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

People Get Ready

AUGUST 10, 2025 AT 10 AM
PENINSULA UNITED CHURCH

REFLECTION BY REV DR GREG GLATZ
MUSIC DIRECTION BY LONNIE DELISLE



A SUMMER FRUIT BASKET
THE SUMMER 2025 REFLECTION SERIES
AMOS 8:1-12

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Text

Luke 12:32-40 (NRSV)

Key Verses

v. 34: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

v. 40: "You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Reflection Questions & Prayer Prompts

Receiving the kin(g)dom with joy

How might your life look different if you truly believed it is “God’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom”? What fears or attachments might lose their grip on you?

God of abundance, help me to trust that you delight in giving us the kin(g)dom. Free me from the fears and attachments that keep me clinging to what fades, and fill my heart with joy in the treasures that last.

Generosity in action

Jesus says, “Sell your possessions, and give alms.” What is one concrete, tangible way you could practice generosity this week that moves beyond giving from your surplus?

Generous One, open my hands and my heart. Show me one specific thing I can release this week—whether a possession, my time, or my resources—that could bring life to someone else.

Caritas as a way of life

Caritas is more than charity—it’s a mindset that sees and values people for who they are. How could adopting this mindset change the way you respond to poverty, injustice, and inequality in your community?

Spirit of love, shape in me the mindset of caritas. Teach me to see others as you see them, and to respond to need with compassion and courage, even when it challenges my comfort or my assumptions.

We'd like to hear from you!

Did some part of this postscript speak to you?

Send an email to minister@peninsulaunited.com.

Strategic Leadership Council Update – August 5, 2025

The Strategic Leadership Council (SLC) met on Tuesday evening, August 5, with all members present. We were especially pleased to welcome our new Treasurer, Tom Barichello, and our new Member-at-Large, Jennifer Adams.

Council also confirmed the appointment of Elpida Howard as our new Office Administrator, following Amanda’s relocation to Germany.

A fire drill will be held during worship on a Sunday in September—details to come.

The Finance Team is reviewing our current financial procedures to look for efficiencies. As part of this, Council has authorized the use of e-transfers and electronic fund transfers for some payments and reimbursements.

We are also working on a way to share SLC meeting minutes sooner. Because we meet only every two months, minutes are not officially approved until the following meeting. We hope to introduce a process that will allow them to be distributed earlier.

The Semi site is nearing completion. Trustees are arranging property and content insurance for the new space. Council will also be creating a small user group of congregational members to meet with our convenors, community agencies, and partners, to make recommendations on how the space will be used.

Finally, you may recall that in June we shared information on Catalyst’s Preliminary Viability Assessment (PVA) report regarding the potential redevelopment of the 24th Avenue site. Council is now discussing the report and other possibilities over the coming months.

If you have any questions, please contact [Elizabeth Winkler \(Council Chair\)](#) or [Val Austring \(Council Secretary\)](#).

A New Moderator

Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath has been elected the 45th Moderator of The United Church of Canada. Elected to a three-year term, the Moderator is the spiritual leader and public representative for the United Church, and plays a significant role in its overall governance. The Right Rev. Heath has served Wall Street United Church in Brockville, Ontario, since 2007. She was born in Lusaka, Zambia, and raised in small Canadian towns. She studied history at McGill University, earned her Master of Divinity at Emmanuel College, and was ordained in 1999. Heath aspires to “help build up the church by deepening faith in Jesus, strengthening what is small, and encouraging life-giving connections.”



Midweek Reflection Discussion Groups

Peninsula United Church offers small groups to enjoy a relaxed and thoughtful conversation inspired by Sunday's reflection (sermon). The small groups use the reflection questions and prayer prompts in this newsletter to explore our insights and responses, and encourage one another in applying them to daily life. Bring a friend! Haven't watched the service yet? No problem—everyone is welcome!

Join us on **Wednesdays at 1:30 PM at 1685 152A St., Surrey (Community Room). RSVP appreciated.** Please contact Marilyn at marilynhahnbc@gmail.com, and she will save you a seat.

A second group also meets on Wednesday afternoons. Please contact Jean Kromm (email: bjgekromm@shaw.ca or phone: 604-542-0304) for details.

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