



Date: October 26, 2025
Twentieth after Pentecost
Theme: Being Caught by God

Worship Leaders: Worship Committee
Musician: Linda Kneeland
Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie
(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **Yard Cleanup** ~ Thank you to everyone who showed up to clean up the yard.
- **Sing Along with Rev. Kwon** ~ October 31, 2025, 1:00 pm
- **Fall Supper ~ Stettler United** ~ October 26 4:00 – 6:30.

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

Welcome in the name of the One who calls us to gather. Welcome as a member of this community on this day.

May the One who calls us be praised and may our community be strengthened in the words, prayers, and songs we sing and share and pray today.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane, Alta. Gathering, Pentecost-2 2025, 31. Used with Permission.

Light the Christ Candle

By telephone, by email, by note, we send an invitation. Maybe we describe what the one invited can anticipate. Upon their arrival, we direct our guests as to what they are to do.

Most often, when we light the Christ candle, we declare that it is the Light of Christ that cannot be extinguished, the fullness of grace that lights our life of faith. This morning, we light this Christ candle as an invitation to respond to Jesus' call: "Come follow me."

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***Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* VU#213**

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Opening Prayer

Glorious God, we gather here today to sing your praises and to feel your presence near us.

With spirits raised, we sing great praises of your righteousness and abundant goodness.

We shall declare the glory of your kingdom for generations to come.

During this time of worship, we ask for you to receive our words, song, and praise as we worship the greatness of your name, now and forever. Amen.

Sally Tuffin, St. Paul's U.C., Prescott, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost-2 2025, 33. Used with Permission.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are your people, living and owning our place in a bent system and not the system Jesus points to.

We confess the acts and words by which we fail to nurture Jesus' Way.

We confess our failure to pick up the challenges of Jesus' Way.

We confess our attraction to the bent system we are participants in and the comfort we find there.

We confess our gifts for shrinking our words and actions to avoid love, relationships, hurt, compassion, friendship. We confess our ability to pass by on the other side.

(a time of silence to make these encompassing statements personal)

Gracious God, we thank you for receiving our confession and offering us the opportunity to start anew. Amen.

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***Hymn Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU#375**

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Prayer of Illumination

Words about God from God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Gary Simpson, McDougall U.C., Edmonton, Alta. Gathering, Pentecost-2 2025, 37. Used with Permission.

Scripture Readings: Ian Coulsey

- **Joel 2:23–32: Abundant rain, full threshing floors.**
- **2 Timothy 4:6–8: I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race.**
- **Luke 18:9–14: The Pharisee and the tax collector go to pray.**

Hymn Tell Me the Stories of Jesus VU#357 (verse 1) (being seated)

Words: William H. Parker 1885 Music: Fredrick Arthur Challinor 1903 © 1904 National Christian

Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Worship Committee

***Hymn *Just as I Am* VU#508**

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A Mission and Service Story

Invitation for Offering

Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU#541 Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674. Music: Genevan Psalter 1551. Public Domain. N/A

Offering Prayer

ALL: Ever-merciful God, your love never ceases to astound us. All around us are small and large signs of your greatness. From such small things as a tiny seed grow amazing plants! From our meagre offerings grows a flourishing church community. How astounding! Bless all things great and small, so that we might live faithfully and serve you graciously. In the name of the Redeeming Christ, we pray. Amen.

Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost-2 2025, 38. Used with Permission.

Prayers of the Gathered Community

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for

thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn *He Leadeth Me* VU#657**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

Postlude