



Date: November 2, 2025
Twenty-first after Pentecost
Theme: Zacchaeus' Determination

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

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)

- **Fall Supper ~** 217 people were well fed on October 26. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and all the hungry people.
- **November Confirmation and Baptism Class...** Please let Rev. Kwon or Michele know if you are interested in attending.

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

We are clay in the Potter's hands,
worked on the wheel of life,
moulded and shaped by God's touch,

sometimes gently turned,
sometimes forcefully moved,
always being changed by God's love.
We offer ourselves to God Most Holy this day.

We offer our lives, our fears, and our loves,
trusting that God will mould us as God wills.

We come to worship God the Potter.

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Light the Christ Candle

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there."

We light the Christ candle, sign and symbol of Christ's presence among us.

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***Hymn Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU#232**

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Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Great Creator, we come to you as a people who believe we know you, and yet we struggle to recognize you in our daily interactions.

We find it easier to fall back into the smallness of our lives, to let pettiness dictate our reactions and to allow cynicism to invade our thoughts.

How do we find you, Lord, when the noise of the world drowns out your call?

When we come together in worship, we become infused with your glory and your grace, yet during the rest of the week, those things can be far from our minds.

Teach us to seek you through the clamour of the world. Remind us of your presence when daily life is swirling us away from your truth.

We long for that connection with you, with your love, and with your precepts. Have mercy on us as we struggle to keep you nearby. Amen.

<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/great-creator-we-come-you-people-who-believe-we-know-you>

***Hymn *Come Touch Our Hearts* MV#12**

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Prayer of Illumination

Loving and present God, where can we go from your spirit? Or where can we flee from your presence?

You pursue us with faithfulness and grace, even as we may run or wander away.

In your word and through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, you have promised that you are with us, that you keep us close, and that you will bring us home.

As we receive your word today, help us to trust you and find rest in your promises as you lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

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Scripture Readings: Linda Kneeland

***Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4:* How long will it be until God acts?**

***2 Thessalonians 1:11–12:* Your faith and love are growing abundantly.**

***Luke 19:1–10:* Jesus dines with Zacchaeus.**

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

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Special Music ~ Malcolm Fischer

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

***Hymn *When Will People Cease Their Fighting?* VU#687**

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Invitation for Offering

Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Offering Prayer

ALL: We bring the first fruits of our labour and love for the support of our spiritual home and work. Bless and multiply these outer symbols of our generosity so that many more may share in the bountiful experience of Christ in renewal, restoration, and resurrection. Amen.

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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 *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* VU#559

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

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

Postlude