



Date: July 12, 2026
Seventh after Pentecost
Theme: What Is Truly Precious?

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon
Musician: Barbara-Lynn & Dave Goodwin
Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie or Nora Nixon
(*: 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)

- **July 26th ~ Joint Worship Service** ~ Rev. Kwon's last Service 10:00 ~ Worship Service ~ 11:00 ~ Sing A Long ~ Group Photo ~ Lunch will be provided by the Stettler Board, Erskine united and Big Valley United.
- **Holiday Time!!** ~ After Rev. Kwon's last service he will be on holiday from July 27 to August 31st, after that... well...
 - Everyone is invited to worship at St. George's Anglican for the month of August. Their services start at 10:00 am
 - August office hours ~ Office open Wednesday's (same as last year ~ I think) from 9 - noon ~ except for Wednesday the 12.
 - Rev. Kwon away last week of July and all of August and **Michele is away from August 9 to 13**, for a bit of a holiday.
- **Hurray!!** Camp Caravan is definitely happening from Monday, July 27-31 from 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Stettler United Church. There's still time to register children from Kindergarten to Grade 7 for this amazing week of spirit-filled activities. If anyone wishes to help with snacks and lunches, please contact Barbara-lynn at 403 741 6710.
- **If you are away on the 26th**, please stop in the office or look for the picture mat after the Sunday services to sign for Rev. Kwon to take with him.

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 to this service in the midst of summer warmth and colour.

We have come, excited to experience God's Word in scripture.

We are here to praise our Creator and give our thanks.

We have come to raise our spirits to the heavens in song.

We are here to offer prayers for a better world for everyone.

We gather here as one community to worship together and be reminded to love one another.

We have come as one family of God, eager to be prompted in the ways of holy goodness and loving-kindness.

Come, let us worship God.

Rosemary Godin, Sydney, N.S. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2026, 39. Used with Permission.

Light the Christ Candle

Light is so precious in our lives. In the midst of this summer season, we are well aware that plants will not be able to grow without light. Even as daylight lengthens, we count on light to guide our daily rhythms.

Into this reality comes Jesus Christ, light and love for us all. May Christ's light guide us toward the eternal light of hope, grace, and love.

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***Hymn Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU#395**

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Opening Prayer

O God, you are present in our midst, and by our being here, we acknowledge your call to us and our need to respond.

We offer our thanks and praise, thanks and praise that we are free to worship here today, to be together, and to share love and companionship with our neighbours here in Stettler, Erskine, and Big Valley.

Thanks be to you, O God.

George Allan, Chatham, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2026, 42. Used with Permission.

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, like the ancestors of our faith, Abraham and Sarah, Bethuel, and Laban, we are everyday people trying our best to live our lives in faithful response to your call.

Out of the ordinary, you call us to do what seems extraordinary.

We read the stories of Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, Jacob, Leah, and Rachel, and we shake our heads at the choices and decisions they made.

And yet, they are not so very different from us.

Isaac and Rebekah yearned for children. When they arrived, two very different children emerged from the same womb, each with his own personality and way of interacting in the world.

Soon, division occurred in the household, parent to parent, son to son, tales of trickery, treachery, and trading places.

God of our ancestors, receive our prayers and be with us **as we create our own history, when we do things that deceive and divide, and when we engage in bridging and restoring relationships.**

God of today, forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

There is good news in the midst of the turmoil in our lives:

As ordinary people, we are inspired and empowered to do what is extraordinary. We are indeed a blessed and forgiven people, thanks be to God!

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***Hymn *Water Flowing from the Mountains* MV#87**

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Prayer of Illumination

We believe that you created the universe through your word.

As we read the Scriptures together, may the mystery of your creation touch our hearts. May the Word of God inspire us as we listen to your word. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Donna Boyd-Stadelmann

Genesis 25:19–34: Esau gives up his birthright for Jacob's stew.

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

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

***Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* VU#382**

Invitation for Offering

***Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
VU#541**

Offering Prayer

ALL: These, our offerings, for a world in need. We present ourselves, such as we are, to be a blessing for the betterment of our neighbourhood and our world. May these gifts be a blessing indeed for all who are in need. Amen.

Jim McKean, Orillia, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2026, 49. 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 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* VU#481**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

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

Postlude