



Date: September 27, 2026
18th After Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Worship Committee

Musician: Barbara-Lynn and 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 Back & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

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

The earth is God's and all that is in it.

Holy Love is the sea we swim in.

Green pastures give us safety and life.

Justice and peace are our calling.

The saints of every age and every type of creature surround us.

Let us open ourselves to the Creator Spirit.

Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ont.

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle recalling the wisdom of God. God gives us wisdom in plants and animals as well as in taught knowledge and experienced knowledge. God invites us to question, to ponder, to learn, to test, to be full of wisdom. We welcome the wisdom of God revealed in all of Creation.

Whitney Bruno, Little Current and Sheguiandah U.C., Little Current, Ont.

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

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Opening Prayer

Loving God, you call us to faithfulness, not to perfection.

Seeking God, you call us to be open to one another, without trying to make the other person just like us.

Persistent God, you continue to issue the invitation: "Come home; you are my beloved."

Rejoicing God, we seek to share in your happiness when any who feel lost and alone are searched for and found and guided on their way home.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Beth W Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask.

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, we confess that you are Creator of heaven and earth!

Yet we have lived in contempt for the beauty of the universe.

We have destroyed the purity of nature,

polluting air, lands, and water, while questing for unrestrained consumption, commercialization, and profit at Creation's expense.

Refresh us now with your Spirit, inspiring us for the better.

May we learn to cherish nature and all your sacred Creation,
throughout all our days, fulfilling your holy will. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Jesus Christ reigns. Let the earth rejoice! The Holy Spirit, the divine interpreter, counsellor, comforter, and friend, is with us, bringing us the wisdom to live with respect in Creation. May the loving forgiveness of God and the peace of Christ be with you always!

Thanks be to God!

Keith Mayers, Grace U.C., Brampton, Ont.

Hymn ~ VU Psalm 91 page 808 On Eagles Wings

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Prayer of Illumination

Teacher God, you teach us with sacred writings and through the witness of faith-filled followers of your way. We seek to do your good works. Empower us to be persistent in our learning and our witnessing. May our ears be itching for your good news. In the name of the ever-tenacious Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Laura J. Turnbull, while at Trinity U.C., Creston, B.C.

Scripture Readings:

- Exodus 17: 1-7
- Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16
- Philippians 2: 1-13
- Matthew 21: 23-32

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

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message

***Hymn ~ MV #92 Like A Rock**

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Invitation for Offering

God has blessed us with abundance. We choose to share those blessings with our community and beyond. Your offering will now be received.

Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
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Offering Prayer

Here, O God, are the fruits of our journey along the Way of Jesus. Bless our journeying into ever deeper communion with you. Bless what we give of our time, our talent, and our treasure for your purposes in the world. May what we give become a living prayer nurturing wholeness. Amen.

Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, Ont.

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.

***Closing Hymn ~ VU #402 We Are One**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

May the grace of God sustain us. May the example of Jesus guide us. May the bravery that comes from the Holy Spirit encourage us today, tomorrow, and in all days and nights ahead. Amen.

Whitney Bruno, Little Current and Sheguiandah U.C., Little Current, Ont.

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

Postlude