Stettler United Church

Date: November 15,2026
25th After Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Worship Committee
Musician: Barbara-Lynn and Dave Goodwin
Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie and/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)
- **Annual Bazaar and Cookie Walk ~ Saturday December 05 ~ 2:00 – 4:00.**

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 time of worship. Our gathering here says many things about who we are and whose we are. May the words and actions of this time be a reflection of all that we desire as people of faith. Let us worship God.
Peter Chymnoweth, Cochrane AB

Lighting the Christ Candle

Dawn arrives later each morning as we head into the colourful days of fall. Dusk arrives earlier each evening as the days shorten with the approaching fall equinox. Into the growing shadows of night comes the ever-bright light from one single candle reminding us that Christ is the light of the world. We light the Christ candle with gratitude and humility.

Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, BC

Hymn: I have called you by your name MV #161

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Opening Prayer

Loving God, you who are the centre of all being, we begin our worship today with a thankful heart. We call to mind the many ways our lives are made better just by knowing that your unconditional love and acceptance is a part of who we are. May this time together be guided by your Holy Spirit and may we be uplifted and strengthened in your love and light, so we may channel that love and light into the world. This we pray in the name of the one who is the light of the world, Jesus the Christ. Amen

Stephanie Richmond, Greenbank-Seagrave P.C., Greenbank, Ont.

Prayer of Confession

Be with us as we give confession to the sins we have committed. Hear our prayer All-Seeing, All-Knowing. We can hide our sins from ourselves and pretend that they are no big deal. Sins may feel good in the moment but ultimately crush us. All-Loving, please forgive us, cleanse us.

If we are to feel real joy and gladness, then we need to be acutely aware of when we have sinned. But don’t let us stop there. Give us the strength to change these thoughts, these words, these actions. All-Powerful, give us sincerity and truth. Fill us with

wisdom and let it translate into action. Gracious and Ever-Loving One we are blessed that you are so patient with us and that you have taught us that love triumphs overall. May we put such love into practice through your grace. Amen.
Tom Walkling, Utterson U.C., Port Sydney, Ont.

Words of Assurance

In this moment, we give thanks to God for the gift of God's grace. Through this gift of love, our hearts are opened and we embrace the wonder that we are truly worthy of love. And as we discover that we are worthy of God's love, we are called to witness to the world that all of creation is worthy of such love.
This gift God has given us, let us share it with others. Amen
Sandy Ferguson, Strathearn U.C., Edmonton, AB

Hymn: All the Way My Savior Leads me VU #635

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Prayer of Illumination

Open wide our hearts, open wide our minds, open your word to us this morning, we pray; Let your holy light shine upon it and through it, bringing us light and life. Amen.
Fern Gibbard, for Penticton U.C., Penticton B.C.

Scripture Readings: Linda Holton

- Judges 4: 1-7
- Psalm 123
- 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
- Matthew 25: 14-30

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

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message

*Hymn ~ Great is thy Faithfulness VU #288

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Invitation for Offering

When we are called to love God with our whole selves and to integrate our justice work with our worship, economic justice is a part of this call. Jesus uplifts those who give as they are able. God Honours all we give, no matter how small, because it is the generous posture of our giving that is most important Let us present our offering.

Selina Mullin, St. John's U.C., Marathon, Ont.

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

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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 ~ Go Make a Difference MV #209

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Go out into this new week, nourished by the grace of God. May God's love sustain you through the challenges you face and inspire you through the blessings you encounter. In every moment, may you bear the fruit of God's eternal love, offering up praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

Gill Le Fevre, Walton Memorial U.C., Oakville, Ont.

*Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967

Postlude