

Sunday August 10, 2025
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 14

We Gather In God's Presence

Prelude: "

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship

You will say in that day,

God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid;

for the Sovereign God is my strength and my song.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day,

Sing praises to the Sovereign God who has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

Psalm 100 VU 820 "Make a Joyful Noise" Words, Music: Linnea Good, 1991. Arrangement: David Kai, 1994.

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Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

Know that your God has made you.

Know it's to God we belong.

And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.

Worship your God with a song!

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

Enter these gates, thanksgiving.

Enter these courts with praise.

Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.

Worship your God with a song!

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

Ages through endless ages,
seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.

Worship your God with a song!

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

O Most Holy One,
as we enter into the life of your Spirit,
teach our hearts to be psalms, singing forth your praise;
teach our minds to be proverbs, shining forth your wisdom;
and teach our lives to be parables, showing forth your glory
in every gesture and deed. Amen.

Hymn Sing

A New Creed VU 918

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Lessons and Psalms

Lesson

Psalm 23 VU 748 "God Is My Shepherd" Words: Scottish Psalter, 1650; adapted Lavon Bayler, 1992.
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adapted Walter W. Felton, 1955. Words, adaptations © 1992 The Pilgrim Press.
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God is my shepherd, I'll not want,
I feed in pastures green.
God grants me rest and bids me drink
from waters calm and clean.
Through daily tasks, I'm blessed and led
by one I have not seen.

Restored to life each morning new,
I rise up from the dust
to follow God whose presence gives
me confidence and trust.
I praise the name of God today;
in God I put my trust.

When I must pass through shadowed vale,
where loss and death await,
I will not fear for God is there,
my shepherd strong and great,
whose rod and staff will comfort me
and all my fears abate.

No enemy can overcome,
no power on earth defeat
the ones anointed by God's grace
and fed with manna sweet.
My cup is filled and overflows
as I my Saviour greet.

Goodness and mercy all my days
will surely follow me;
and where God reigns in heaven and earth,
my dwelling place will be.
My shepherd blesses, cares, and leads
through all eternity.

Lesson

Psalm 51 VU 776 *refrain 1 or 2*

God, I call to you for help; in your mercy hear my prayer.

In the abundance of your compassion, wash my sins away.

Have mercy on my, O God, in your great kindness,

in the fullness of your mercy blot out my offences.

Wash away all my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is always before me.

God, I call to you for help; in your mercy hear my prayer.

In the abundance of your compassion, wash my sins away.

Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done evil in your sight,

so that you are justified in your sentence,

and blameless in your judgement.

Guilty I have been from my birth,

a sinner from the time of my conception.

But you desire truth in our inward being,

therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean,

wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness,

let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Turn away your face from my sins,

and blot out all my iniquities.

God, I call to you for help; in your mercy hear my prayer.

In the abundance of your compassion, wash my sins away.

Put a new heart in me, O God,

and give me again a constant spirit.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and strengthen me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,

and sinners will return to you.

O God, open my lips,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

God, I call to you for help; in your mercy hear my prayer.

In the abundance of your compassion, wash my sins away.

You desire no sacrifice, or I would give it;

you take no delight in burnt offerings.

The sacrifice you accept, O God, is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

God, I call to you for help; in your mercy hear my prayer.

In the abundance of your compassion, wash my sins away.

Lesson

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As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you!

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you!

You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a king;
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything!

You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you!

Lesson

Psalm 24 VU 751

Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.

The earth is God's, and all that is in it;
the world, and those who live upon it.

**For God founded it upon the seas,
planted it firm over the waters beneath.**

Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.

Who may ascend the mountain of God?
Who may stand in God's holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,

**who have not set their minds on deceit,
nor made false promises;**
they shall receive God's blessing,
righteousness from the God who will save them.

**Such are those who seek God,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.
Lift up your heads, you gates!

**Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors,
that the One who rules in glory may enter.**

Who rules in glory?

**It is God, valiant and strong,
God, who is mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, you gates!

**Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors,
that the One who rules in glory may enter.**

Who rules in glory?

**It is God of Hosts,
God who rules in glory.**

Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.

Lesson

Psalm 133 VU 856 "Behold, How Pleasant" Words, Music: Pablo Sosa, 1974. Music arr. Darryl Nixon, 1987.
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Behold, how pleasant, how good it is!

Behold, how pleasant, how good it is!

How pleasant and harmonious when God's people are together:
fragrant as precious oil when running fresh on Aaron's beard.

Behold, how pleasant, how good it is!

Behold, how pleasant, how good it is!

How pleasant and harmonious when God's people are together:
fresh like the morning dew that falls on Zion's holy hill.

Behold, how pleasant, how good it is!

Behold, how pleasant, how good it is!

How pleasant and harmonious when God's people are together:
there is where God bestows the blessing, life for evermore.

Behold, how pleasant, how good it is!

Behold, how pleasant, how good it is!

Lesson

The lectionary readings for this week are: *Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40*

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Our offering isn't like our annual dues for the country club. Our offering is about more than just maintaining the building and paying the staff. Our offering is a spiritual discipline. Our offering is made to God. Our offering is about transforming individual lives and transforming systems of injustice. Our offering is about reconciling peoples and creating God's eternal dominion here, on earth, as in heaven. Our tithes and additional offerings will be received.

Offertory Hymn VU 218 "We Praise You, O God" Words: Julia Cory, 1902. Music: Netherlands melody, 1626, harmonized Edward Kremser, 1877. Words, Music, and Harmonization in the Public Domain.

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Prayer of Dedication

It is by faith, hopeful God, that you bless us. It is by faith that we offer back to you a portion of what you have blessed us with, trusting that you will take these gifts and use them in the work of your kingdom of justice and hope, grace and wonder. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven:

remind us this day that you are not only creation's Architect,
but you are the Babe who cried for food, the teenager who knew loneliness,
the adult who felt the rejection of loved one.

Hallowed by Thy name:

yours is the name spun by the stars; yours is the name whispered by the dying;
yours is the name written on our hearts.

Thy Kingdom come:

may it be a kingdom of peace, not prejudice; may it be a kingdom of sharing, not grasping;
may it be a kingdom of hope, not hurting.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven:

may your Word be more than print on a page; may your justice be more than a wish in our hearts;
may your will become our deepest desire.

Give us this day our daily bread:

let us taste it in the kisses of loved ones; let it fill us in the empty moments of our lives;
let it slip out of our hands to mend the brokenness of our world.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive others:

may those who have hurt us find a welcome in our hearts, even as we have found our home in yours.

And lead us not into temptation:

turn our hearts from the seductions of our world; and the simple pleasures that turn us from you.

Keep us from thinking we are so important that we ignore those around us.
 Help us to always bring others to you in prayer,
 before we bring ourselves, as we do in these moments:
 We pray for your church, especially our own denomination as it meets for General Council 45, and
 selects a new Moderator this weekend,
 We pray for your children the world over, especially for the people of Cameroon, Central African
 Republic, and Equatorial Guinea,
 We pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, ...
 We pray for all who are unwell in mind, body or spirit, especially ...
 and their loved ones and caregivers and those known only in the silence of our own hearts.....
 But deliver us from evil:
 not just great evils of war and hunger,
 but from ingratitude, self-love, pride, all those little evils that do such great harm.
 For thine is the kingdom:
 our heart's true longing;
 and the power:
 which you set aside to serve us in weakness;
 and the glory:
 which we would mirror in our lives, our bodies, our minds, our souls, this day and every day.
 forever and ever.
 We pray together the words that Jesus taught the disciples...

**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;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Psalm 91 VU 808 "On Eagle's Wings" Words, Music: Michael Joncas, 1979;
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You who dwell in the shelter of our God,
 who abide in this shadow for life,
 say to the Lord: "My refuge,
 my Rock in whom I trust!"

"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
 bear you on the breath of dawn,
 make you to shine like the sun,

and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under God’s wings your refuge,
God’s faithfulness your shield.

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

For to God’s angels is given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand.

Commissioning and Benediction (*unison*)

May the God who dances in creation,
Who embraces us with human love,
Who shakes our lives like thunder,
Bless us and drive us out with power,
To fill the world with justice, healing, and reconciliation.

Sung Response: “Go Now in Peace” Words and music: Don Bessig and Nancy Price.
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Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there supporting us with love.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude: "

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Diner is back. It runs from 5 to 7 p.m. every Thursday until August 28.

The Scott Woods Band is coming to Lambeth United Church on Sunday, September 28 at 7 p.m.
For tickets, call The Scott Woods Band at 1-855-726-8896 or at www.scottwoods.ca

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Lectionary Readings:

August 17, Tenth after Pentecost, Proper 15

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2; Luke 12:49-56