

Sunday August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

We Gather In God's Presence

Welcome:

One: Boozhoo (pronounced *boo-zhoo*). Aanii (pronounced *Ah-nee*).
Shekoli (pronounced *Shay-go-lee*). Kwe Kwe (pronounced *Gway Gway*).
Welcome in the name of Christ.

**All: Welcome to this place of worship,
located on land represented by the London Township Treaty of 1796.
These are the traditional territories of the Anishnabewaki,
the Attawandaronk, the Mississauga, and others.**

One: Welcome to this space where God invites us to find sanctuary,
bring ourselves just as we are,
and learn to follow Jesus
as we care for God's creation and for one another.

**All: We gather today to share in song, Word and prayer,
and to celebrate the diversity of God's human family.**

One: In this space, regardless of age, ability, identity, orientation,
ethnicity, or background,
everyone is welcome.

All: We are all welcome here.

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation:

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship:

Prelude: 'Jesus Loves Me'

Inspired by MacDowell's "To A Wild Rose"
William Bradbury, Arr. Faye Lopez

Lighting the Christ Candle:

One: Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

All: We walk in the Light of Christ.

Gathering Hymn: "Come, Let Us Sing"

VU 222

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- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.
- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
- 3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.
- 4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.

Call to Worship:

One: Come, let us meet God.

All: Let us enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

One: Come, let us experience God.

All: For God is good, God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Come, let us worship God.

All: Worship God with gladness; come into God's presence with singing!

One: Come, for together we are the people of God.

Gathering Prayer:

Anthem: "Facing a Task Unfinished"

Sung by Daniella Kress

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.

Learning With All God's Children:

My Journey: Daniella Kress

Hymn: "River Running in You and Me" MV 163

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1.
River running in you and me,
Spirit of life, deep mystery,
dancing own to the holy sea,
River run deep, River run free.

2.
River laughed on my birthing day,
Wind and water joined in play
Soaked my soul in a shing spray,
River run deep, River run free.

3.

River, cry my name to me,
Lend me hope and memory,
Sing me the story of the holy sea,
River run deep, River run free.

4.

I stand o the edge, lookin' down,
Too scared to swim, afraid I'll drown,
Give me the courage to journey on,
River run deep, River run free.

5.

Journey on far from my home,
River break this heart of stone,
Teach me to love, make me your own,
River run deep, River run free.

6.

Hold me close on the day I die,
Bear me up when my soul is tired,
Carry me home on the rising tide,
River run deep, River run free.

7.

River singin' in you and me,
Spirit of life – deep mystery –
Catch us up in your melody
River run deep, River fun free.

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

Response to the Word:

One: The Living Word of God in scripture.

All: May the Word live among us and within us.

Sermon: "We Have Nothing Here"

Hymn: "Break Now the Bread of Life" VU 501

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1. Break now the bread of life, Saviour, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O Living Word.
2. Bless your own truth, dear Christ, to me, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all-in-all.

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Offertory Hymn: In Gratitude and Humble Trust VU 544 (tune 625)

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**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself for us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of God's People & The Lord's Prayer

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Go to the World"

VU 420

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1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
2. Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Response:

"Go Now in Peace" (sing x 3)

VU 964

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**Go now in peace, go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you everywhere,
Everywhere you may go.**

Postlude: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

In a setting of George F. Handel's Prelude in G.

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