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Sunday, June 26, 2022

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Opening Hymn: VU342

“You Servants of God”

- 1 You servants of God, your Saviour proclaim,
and publish abroad that wonderful name;
the name all victorious of Jesus extol,
whose kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

- 2 God rules from on high, almighty to save,
whose Word still is nigh, a presence we have.
The great congregation God's triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

- 3 Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son!
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
bow down in deep reverence and worship the Lamb.

- 4 Then let us adore and give as is right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Acknowledgement of the Land:

As we gather, we acknowledge that we meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People. We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation. May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome, Celebrations, Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: Called to live in the Spirit of Pentecost!

All: Called to worship the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer!

One: Called to trust the Holy, even when things are uncertain or frightening.

All: Called to experience the enduring presence of the Holy.

One: Let us worship.

All: Let us worship the Holy.

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: Through the Spirit of Pentecost, we hear the call to faith.

All: A faith that reminds us we are loved and cherished.

One: In the name of Jesus...

All: Amen.

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

(Jaymes Winch)

^{2:1} Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰ He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you,

it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Where is he?” He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

Psalm Selection: VU791

from Psalm 77
(Led by Jaymes Winch)

Refrain:



One I cry aloud to God, I cry that God may hear me.

**All In my time of distress I have turned to God;
with hands uplifted I have prayed all night,
but my soul refuses all comfort. R**

One Then I recall your deeds, O God!

I remember your wonders of old.

I recount all your works and ponder the things you have done.

All O God, your ways are holy. What god is as great as you!

One You are the one who works wonders;

you have shown your strength among nations.

**All By your arm you redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph. R**

One The waters saw you, O God,

the waters saw you and churned in fear;

All the seas trembled to their depths.

One Clouds streamed water, the heavens rumbled;

All your arrows bolted on every side.

One The voice of your thunder was heard in the whirlwind;
**All lightning lit up the world,
the earth quaked and shuddered.**

One Your way was through the sea;
All your path, through mighty waters;

One your footprints could not be seen;
**All but by the hand of Moses and Aaron,
you led your people like a flock. R**

Young at Heart Time:

“My Best Friend’s Move”

Hymn: VU681

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your words of life again.
- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3 The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the strong compassion of your face.
- 4 O Jesus, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
and tread the city's streets again,
- 5 till all the world shall learn your love
and follow where your feet have trod,
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:51-62

(Jaymes Winch)

^{9:51} When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

All: ...may we hear the stories from our faith history that inspire us to embrace the promise and new life shared with us in the upper room at Pentecost.

Reader: In the name of Jesus...

All: ...Amen.

Meditation:

"Power Transfer"

Music for Meditation

The New Creed:

One: Let's share together in the New Creed:

**All: 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. Amen.**

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

Dedication of Our Gifts

Hymn: VU374

“Come and Find the Quiet Centre”

- 1 Come and find the quiet centre
 in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
 find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
 clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
 be at peace, and simply be.

- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
 cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
 knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
 lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
 finding scope for faith begun.

- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,
 open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
 celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
 there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
 there is always room to spare!

An Affirm Minute:

“In the Spirit of Unity”
(Presented by Affirm Committee)

The unity button is a reminder of the medicine wheel’s teachings and the four directions as handed down to aboriginal communities by their elders. In traditional storytelling, many elders teach about equality and respect for all people of the four colours. This is what the campaign behind the unity button is all about. It is also the celebration of the identity of Aboriginal people and the diversity of their many nations. The most important part of each button is its centre because this is where the spirits of the four colours meet. People who are wearing this symbol are not only proclaiming pride in their own culture but for all the cultures of the world. When we wear one of these buttons, people tend to stop and ask what it is and what it means – and this is precisely the reason behind its existence. It is a means of sparking communication, to get us talking to one another, and to share pride for aboriginal culture.

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer

Closing Hymn: VU421

“Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

- 1 Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
 In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
 Our slavery left behind us,
 new hopes within us grow.
 We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.
- 2 Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
 but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
 We are not lost, though wandering,
 for by your light we come,
 and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.
- 3 Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
 and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
 We pray our sons and daughters
 may journey to that land
 where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: As our time together comes to an end...

All: ...the Spirit of the Creator stirs us to live faithfully and love openly as we follow the call of the Spirit of Pentecost.

One: As we journey together with each other and our Creator during this season after Pentecost, may our reflections and discussions transform our actions and attitudes as we live and love together in faith.

All: In the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen and Amen!

Music as We Depart

Regional Council Prayer Cycle

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world.

For the week of June 26, 2022

**Heritage Pastoral Charge
Heritage United Church, Colborne**

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS-June 26

Duty	<i>John Tewsley</i>
Elevator	<i>Carrie Varga</i>
Ushers/Greeters	<i>Joan Findlay, Linda Munroe</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>Jaymes Winch</i>
Congregational Elder	<i>Mary Hess Northey</i>
Sound	<i>Bill VanTol / Alex Brunton</i>
Video	<i>Ron Kervin/Nelson Pickett</i>
Videographer	<i>Ken Nash, John Taylor</i>
Coffee Fellowship	<i>Christian Development</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2022 in the area of grass located directly behind the church building. If you wish, bring your own lawn chair, if you don't own a lawn chair, chairs will be provided.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, July 17, 2022 following the worship service.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY- is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We invite you to bring items to support Kawartha Food Share. Boxes are located in Upper Wright Hall and the Narthex. Thank you for your generous support! Next date: July 10th.

REQUEST FOR COFFEE DONATIONS...now that we are back to in-person fellowship time following our Sunday Worship services, we are in need for coffee. If you are able to donate coffee, we would greatly appreciate it!

NAME TAGS, we ask that you wear your name tags on Sundays, if you do not have a name tag, please contact the office. 705-748-4881

MASK WEARING inside the church building is now recommended but not mandatory. Please respect people's choice to wear or not wear a mask and please stay home if you feel unwell.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help out, please let us know. Please contact the church office or fill out a "Gift & Talent" form [*printed on blue paper*] found on bulletin board beside Rev Kevin's office.