

**August 24, 2025** 11<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost.

The Women of Summer: Lydia

**Thought to ponder:** *Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.*

- Romans 12:13

**Welcome**

**Announcements, Life & Work of the Church**

**Prelude: Give Thanks**

**Passing the Peace:**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you

**All: And also with you.**

**Acknowledgement of the Territories:**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Welcome to a time of wonder

**All: and music that calls us home**

One: Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge

**All: and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality -**

One: Hospitality, like Lydia's that teaches us how to open our lives to others

**All: leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.**

**Hymn: TLUS #35 Bless the Lord, O My Soul**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

**O my soul, worship your holy name.**

**Sing like never before, O my soul;**

**I'll worship your holy name.**

The sun comes up,  
It's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass,  
And whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing  
when the evening comes.

**Refrain**

You're rich in love,  
And you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great  
and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness,  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find.

**Refrain**

And on that day  
when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near  
and my time has come,  
still, my soul will  
sing your praise unending  
ten thousand years  
and then forever more!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
 O my soul, worship your holy name.  
 Sing like never before, O my soul;  
 I'll worship your holy name.  
 Worship your holy name;  
 Worship your holy name.**

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### **Gathering Prayer:**

**Eternal God, who gives good gifts to  
 all people, and who grants the spirit of  
 generosity: Give us, we pray you,  
 hearts always open to hear your word,  
 that, following the example of your  
 servant Lydia, we may show  
 hospitality to those who are in any  
 need or trouble; through Jesus Christ  
 our Lord who lives and reigns with you  
 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
 for ever. Amen.**

### **Time for Young at Heart: Visitors**

#### **Hymn: O Great Earth**

**O Great Earth so green and blue,  
 This is the promise  
 that I'll make to you:  
 To care for your \_ \_ \_  
 For \_ \_ \_ can hear  
 The rhythm of your heartbeat.**

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### **Prayer of Illumination:**

**Scripture:****Romans 12:13****Acts 16: 11-40****Ephesians 5:15-16****Reflection: Open Heart, Open House.****Hymn: VU# 371****Open My Eyes, That I May See**

Open my eyes, that I may see  
 Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
 Place in my hands the wonderful key  
 That shall unclasp and set me free.  
 Silently now I wait for thee,  
 Ready, my God, thy will to see.  
 Open my eyes, illumine me,  
 Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
 Voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
 And while the wave notes  
 fall on my ear,  
 Everything false will disappear.  
 Silently now I wait for thee,  
 Ready, my God, thy will to see.  
 Open my ears, illumine me,  
 Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
 Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
 Open my heart and let me prepare  
 Love with thy children thus to share.  
 Silently now I wait for thee,

**Ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my mouth, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!**

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## **Prayers of the 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, and the  
power, and the glory, for ever and  
ever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Generosity:**

#### **Prayer of Dedication:**

**Here, God, we give our gifts to the  
work of your church, for the  
encouragement of your people, and  
with the love of Christ in our hearts.  
Bless our offerings as a sign of our  
faith. With these gifts, encourage our  
service as a sign of your love, we pray  
in Christ's name. Amen.**

**Hymn: TLUS #30 We Are a Rainbow**

We're the light of all the world,  
 We are a city on a hill,  
 We're a candle on  
 a stand proclaiming light,  
 We will not hide our lamp  
 Beneath a bushel anymore,  
 We will shine a ray of hope  
 That's burning bright.

**We are a rainbow,  
 Sign of covenant and peace  
 For the flood of tears  
 Will finally cease to be,  
 Come shine your rainbow,  
 Splash your hues across the sky,  
 Paint the world in colours  
 Proud and bold and free.**

We're a coat of many colours,  
 Sewn from many diff'rent threads,  
 Cov'ring all in warmth,  
 In welcome and in grace,  
 God said "Let there be light",  
 Created every varied shade,  
 In the rainbow each of us  
 Can find a place.

**Refrain**

We are hope to still believe  
 In tomorrow's better day,  
 We are peace in  
 a world that's torn apart,  
 we are joy that will last  
 in all the struggles that we face  
 we are love that blooms and grows  
 in every heart.

**Refrain**

When we face the storms of life,  
 We will never be alone,  
 For our God will  
 Be with us on the way,  
 Here we are, side by side,  
 We won't be frightened anymore,  
 As the mourning night of tears  
 Breaks into day.

**We are a rainbow,  
 Sign of covenant and peace  
 For the flood of tears  
 Will finally cease to be,  
 Come shine your rainbow,  
 Splash your hues across the sky,  
 Paint the world in colours  
 Proud and bold and free.  
 Paint the world in colours  
 Proud and bold and free.**

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### **Benediction:**

#### **Sung Benediction: My Peace**

**My peace I give unto you.**

**It's a peace that the world cannot give.**

**It's a peace that the world  
 cannot understand.**

**Peace to know, Peace to live.**

**My peace I give unto you.**

**My love I give unto you.**

**It's a love that the world cannot give.**

**It's a love that the world cannot understand.**

**Love to know, Love to live.**

**My love I give unto you.**



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## **Announcements**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost**

**Reader for this week: Erin**

**Reader for next week: Lisa**

**Greeter this week: Jo-Ann**

**Greeter next week: Cheryl and Robin**

**Tellers this week: Bonnie and Paul**

**Tellers next week: Sharon and Linda**

**A/V this week: John**

**A/V next week: Lisa**

### **Sunday**

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service –

### **Tuesday**

6:30 Family ministry planning

### **Next Sunday**

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Service –



**Godly Play Retreat:** Are you interested in a 24 hour Godly play retreat? For practioners, leaders, parents, guardians or anyone looking to get away: Friday Sept 12 with supper at 5 until Saturday at 3:30. \$150 for all meals and room at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay. Contact the office to register or Lisa Folkins by Aug. 28

**Put it on your calendar:** **October 26. The NATIONAL PREMIERE of Vivaldi's Four Seasons transposed for four part choral voices. 2pm at St. Paul's Sussex.**

**If you have any reusable shopping bags** that you have accumulated and no longer require or wonder what to do with them, please bring them into the church so we can get them to the Salvation Army, or take them there directly. Thank you for your continued support.

**Good News and Caring Corner:** If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

**Offering Envelopes** are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

**Grocery Cards:** We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards and cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

**Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.**

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:  
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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown.