

August 17th, 2025 10th after Pentecost.

The Women of Summer: Rahab

Thought to ponder: *The Lord your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below.*

- Joshua 2:11

Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Prelude: VU #414

God Be Praised at Early Morn

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: The One who led the people out of their 40-year wandering;

All: calls us to be open to the spirit in our own wanderings.

One: Like Rahab, let us be determined and courageous people of faith.

All: Let us trust in the One who shows mercy and hope.

One: May righteousness and justice be our constant companions.

All: May we be a true blessing to the world around us.

Hymn: VU #395 *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

**Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the family**

God is with us in this place,
Like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
For we are a part of the family.

Refrain

There's life to be shared
in the bread and the wine;
We are the branches,
Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple,
it's not your or mine,
but we are a part of the family.

Refrain

There's rest for the weary
and health for us all;
There's a yoke that is easy,
and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship
and answer the call,
For we are a part of the family.

Refrain

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Gathering Prayer:

**God of the Wandering, open our hearts
and minds, so that your Spirit can
guide us, to lead lives seeking justice**

**and offering compassion. We praise
you for your great love and mercy,
revealed in the people who surround
us, offering us encouragement and
strength for all we do in your love.
May we too be people who uplift and
care for all your creation. Amen.**

Time for Young at Heart:

Baptism of Liliana Eve Green-Huestis

Scripture

Opening Prayer:

Presentation of the Candidates:

Profession of Faith and Promises:

(to be answered for Eve by her parents)

Commitment of Parents:

Commitment of Godparents:

Commitment of Grandparents:

Congregational Commitment:

One: We have heard the will... Will you
support this family with constant love,
wholesome example, Christian teaching and
faith prayer?

All: We will, God being our helper.

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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of
the Water**

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is good to give God thanks and
praise.**

One: Gracious and Holy God, we bless you
for the gift of life... Amen.

[pouring of the water]

Act of Baptism:

Blessing:

Marking of the sign of the Cross:

Lighting a candle:

Declaration and Congregational Welcome:

One: Into the household of faith, we
welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

**All: We are members of the Body of
Christ. We are inheritors of God's
promise. In the name of Christ, we
welcome you.**

Hymn: O Great Earth

**O Great Earth so green and so 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:

Joshua 2: 1- 24 The beginning of the settlement

Matthew 1: 5 a glimpse of Jesus' genealogy

James 2: 23-26 by faith

Reflection: The Scarlet Cord

Hymn: VU #663 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day be
Wholly thine.**

**While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide,
Bid darkness turn to day;
Wipe sorrow's tears away;
Nor let me ever stray from
Thee aside.**

**May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.**

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Prayers of the People

**One: Faithful God, hear our prayer,
All: And renew our faithfulness.**

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:

Faithful God, bless the gifts we offer to you today. Use them to plant seeds of faith, hope and love in the world, so that your goodness will grow among your people, and your name be honoured for Christ's sake. Amen.

Hymn: VU #414 God Be Praised at Early Morn

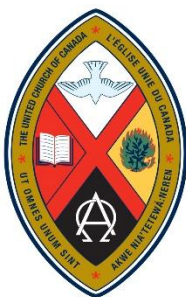
God be praised at early morn
For protection through the night;
Blessing still I need this day,
In my work, a steadfast heart
Everywhere your glorious light,
Splendour fills the universe;
True light, shine upon my heart
Always praising your deep love.

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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 17th, 2025 10th Sunday after
Pentecost**

Reader for this week: Gordon

Reader for next week: Erin

Greeter this week: Frank and Audrey

Greeter next week: Jo-Ann

Tellers this week: Muriel and John

Tellers next week: Bonnie and Paul

A/V this week: Lloyd

A/V next week: John

Sunday

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service -

Next Sunday

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Service –

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.

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