#### July 13th, 2025 5th after Pentecost:

The Women of Summer: Mary Magdalene

**Thought to ponder:** Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her. - John 20: 18

#### Welcome

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

**Prelude: Heart and Soul** 

#### **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: As we gather this day, each of us brings something different to worship

All: We bring the joys and burdens of the week.

One: We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

All: We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

One: We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

All: We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.

#### **Hymn: SOG #76**

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! What a blessedness, what a peace is mine Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! O how bright the path Grows from day to day, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

#### Refrain

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! I have peace complete with my Lord so near, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

#### Refrain

#### **Gathering Prayer:**

(inspired by Colossians 1: 1-14)

Loving and Gracious God, in you we find our hope for new beginnings and new paths. We seek out your wisdom, praying it will bear abundant fruit in our lives. As we grow in faith, help us truly comprehend the grace you offer us, as we seek to lead lives worthy of you, O Lord. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

# Time for Young at Heart: <u>What is the Best Way to Eat Fruit?</u>

Hymn: SOG #27 What a Friend
What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in pray'r
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in pray'r

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in pray'r. Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness, Take it to the Lord in pray'r.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Saviour, still our refuge, Take it to the Lord in pray'r. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in pray'r. In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

## Prayer of Illumination: Scripture:

Colossians 1: 1-14

Luke 8: 1-3 John 19:25

John 20: 1-2, 11-18

Reflection: Mary, Mary...

## Hymn: SOG #23 In the Garden

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear,
Falling on my ear;
The Son of God discloses
And He walks with me,
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share
as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.
He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me,

#### Refrain

Within my heart is ringing

I'd stay in the garden with Him Tho' the night around me be falling, But He bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.

#### refrain

## **Prayers of the People**

One: God of every life, All: Hear our prayer.

#### 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:**

Loving God, we offer these offerings as a symbol of our hope in you. May they be used to bring hope to those who need it most. Amen.

## Hymn: SOG #25 Love Lifted Me

I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry, From the waters lifted me, Now safe am I.

## Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling, In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing. Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs; Faithful, loving service too, To Him belongs.

#### Refrain

Souls in danger, look above,
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea,
Billows His will obey;
He your Saviour wants to be
Be saved today.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me. Amen.

#### **Benediction:**

Sung Benediction: TLUS# 104

May The Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you, May the love of God dwell deep in your heart. May the Spirit enlighten your way, May you walk in the comfort of God's care.

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## **Announcements**

July 13, 2025 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Reader for this week: Reader for next week: Greeter this week: Linda

**Greeter next week: Al and Lee** 

Tellers this week: Brenda and Jo Ann Tellers next week: Sharon and Linda

A/V this week: Al A/V next week: Lloyd

**Sunday** 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service -

**Next Sunday** 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Service -

**Strawberry Festival:** At Salisbury United Church, 76 Smith Street. July 16th from 6:00-8:00PM. Take out only. Choose from the following: strawberries,

strawberry shortcake, strawberries and cake, cake. Gluten free options available. Cost is \$8.00

Lisa will be running a 5K while at General council in Calgary August 5-12. Alvin Dixon was a residential school survivor who blessed the united church with his wisdom and leadership. A scholarship fund was established in his memory after his passing. The Alvin Dixon Memorial Bursary Fund, through the united church foundation, supports Indigenous students entering or continuing post-secondary education or study at religious and spiritual centres. Lisa is looking for folks to donate \$1 per km. Thank you!

**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.

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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown.