July 27th, 2025 7th after Pentecost. The Women of Summer: Hannah

Thought to ponder: "There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God." - Hannah, 1 Samuel 2:2

Welcome Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Prelude: Song of Hannah

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: (Inspired by 1 Samuel 2:1-10)

One: Our God is strong, like a rock.

All: We come to worship the God of justice and joy.

One: Our God cares for the ones the world

forgets.

All: We come to worship the God of justice and joy.

One: Our God is the one who gives life, and who guards the future.

All: We come to worship the God of justice and joy.

One: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn: MV #62 <u>There is Room for All</u> x2

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing; There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all, There is room for all!

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Gathering Prayer: (inspired by 1 Samuel 2: 1-10 NRSV)

God, above all, You cause our hearts to rejoice and our strength to increase. For You, are a God of knowledge, who judges our actions. Who breaks the power of the mighty, and clothes the feeble with strength, Who makes rich and makes poor, brings low and lifts up. Raising up the poor from the dust and the needy from the ash heap; Giving them seats of honour and guarding the feet of those who are faithful. We worship and praise You, O God - judge of all the earth. Amen.

Time for Young at Heart: Let us pray

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:

1 Samuel 1:1-1b, 4-18, 20, 24-28

Hannah's story

1 Samuel 2: 1-11 Hannah's song of Praise

1 Samuel 2: 18-21 the little coat

Reflection: Hannah...a mother's love

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:

Holy Love, may these gifts and offerings make a difference in this life of the community we love, serve, and reflect. May these gifts and offerings extend beyond the borders and boundaries of the stones that encase us to the world that needs us. May these gifts and offerings be a balm to a world in need of comfort and a fire to a world in need of refining. May it begin within us and flourish beyond us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU #878 <u>Song of Hannah</u>

My soul is filled with joy in my Redeemer For God has lifted me and set me high. There is no Holy One, no Rock like our God, Who answered my request, who heard my cry.

All those who talk with pride now see who God is, Who weighs our deeds and knows our every move. Proud ones are humbled, but the poor are lifted; All might and power are yours, O God of love. The strong have fallen,
but the weak are strengthened,
Those who were hungry
have enough to spare.
She who was barren
sees her children's children;
All things are ever in your loving care.

O God, you set the earth on sure foundations; Help for your saints is found in you alone. Those who oppose your truth will fall in judgement, But you will strengthen your anointed one.

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Benediction:

Sung Benediction:

<u>VU #267 Like a Mighty River Flowing</u> vs 1,4

Like a mighty river flowing, Like a flower in beauty growing, Far beyond all human knowing Is the perfect peace of God.

Like the morning sun ascended, Like the scents of evening blended, Like a friendship never ended Is the perfect peace of God.

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Announcements

July 27, 2025 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Reader for this week: Eunice
Reader for next week: Brenda
Greeter this week: Bob and Sue
Greeter next week: Donna Adair
Tellers this week: Kevin and Janice
Tellers next week: Bonnie and Shirley

A/V this week: John A/V next week: Lisa

Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service -

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Service -

Special Thanks to Ruel and Marion Hall who donated 100 knit hats for this year's mitten tree.

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!

Linnea Good and drummer / spouse David Jonsson, have been performing for 30 years and they will be at Hampton United Church, 24 Robb Court on August 9. The weekend will begin on Saturday afternoon with Linnea hosting a novice ukulele session. Registration is required and can be completed by contacting:office@hamptonunited.ca. From 5:00pm to 6:30pm join us for a good old fashion corn boil and cookout, followed by a concert starting at 7:00 PM. On Sunday morning, Linnea will lead worship at 10:15 AM.

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.

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: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852? pwd=7lAYtPHcGTE

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