

June 1, 2025 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Thought to ponder: *Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.* - Corrie Ten Boon

Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Prelude:

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: We gather today from many different places.

All: But God we are one in you.

One: We gather from many different ways of living.

All: But God we are one in you.

One: We have many different hopes and beliefs.

All: But God we are one in you.

One: We have many different gifts and talents.

All: But God we are one in you.

One: We sometimes question an unknown future.

All: But we believe in the Known God.

Hymn: MV #28 God of the Bible vs 1,2,4,5

God of the Bible,
 God in the Gospel,
 Hope seen in Jesus,
 hope yet to come,
 You are our centre,
 daylight or darkness,
 Freedom or prison,
 you are our home.

**Fresh as the morning,
 sure as the sunrise,
 God always faithful,
 you do not change.**

**Fresh as the morning,
 sure as the sunrise,
 God always faithful,
 you do not change.**

God in our struggles,
 God in our hunger,
 Suffering with us,
 taking our part,
 Still you empow'r us,
 mothering Spirit,
 Feeding, sustaining,
 from your own heart.

Refrain

Not by your finger,
 not by your anger
 Will our world order,
 change in a day,
 But by your people,
 fearless and faithful,
 Small paper lanterns,
 lighting the way.

Refrain

Hope we must carry,
 shining and certain
 Through all our turmoil,
 terror and loss,
 Bonding us gladly
 one to the other,
 Till our world changes
 facing the Cross.

Refrain

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Gathering Prayer:

**Loving God, we gather today with
 hearts filled with concern for the
 world around us. We pray for peace
 amidst conflict, for healing in the face
 of suffering, and for justice in the face
 of injustice. We ask for your guidance
 as we strive to make a positive impact
 in our communities and beyond. May
 your love and wisdom illuminate our
 paths and empower us to Change the
 World. Amen.**

Time for Young at Heart:

Try a Little Kindness

Hymn: Try A Little Kindness

If you see your brother
 standing by the road
 With a heavy load,
 from the seeds he's sowed.

And if you see your sister
 falling by the way
 Just stop and say,
 you're goin' the wrong way.

**You've got to try a little kindness,
 Show a little kindness.**

**Just shine your light
 for everyone to see.**

**And if you try a little kindness
 Then you'll overlook the blindness
 Of narrow minded people
 on their narrow minded streets.**

Don't walk around the down and out
 Lend a helping hand Instead of doubt.
 And the kindness that you show ev'ry day
 Will help someone along their way.

Refrain x2

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture:

Proverbs 16: 21-24

1 Corinthians 9: 6 -15

John 9: 1-7, 32, 34

Ministry of Music: Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen)

Reflection: Let's Save the World

Hymn: MV #46 Bless The Lord

Bless the Lord, O my soul

Bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul

Bless God's holy name.

Remember the kindness of our God,

Who showers us

with blessing all our days.

Refrain

Remember the justice of our God,

Who stands with those

forgotten and confused.

Refrain

Remember the healing love of God,

Who calls us to be

whole and to be free.

Refrain.

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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:

Heavenly Father, you have given us riches beyond measure. We appreciate everything that you have provided; but we ask, Lord, that you will bless our offerings of today and tomorrow and encourage us to pass on our gifts to others. Amen.

Hymn: MV #145 Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle wide.

Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song,

No one stands alone,

Standing side by side,

Draw the circle wide.

God the still point of the circle.

'Round whom all creation turns;

Nothing lost, but held forever,

In God's gracious arms.

Refrain

Let our hearts touch far horizons,

So encompass great and small;

Let our loving know no borders,

Faithful to God's call.

Refrain

Let the dreams we dream be larger

Than we've ever dreamed before;

Let the dream of Christ be in us,

Open every door.

Refrain

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Benediction:**Sung Benediction: MV #32 Hallelujah 2x**

**Halle, hallelujah,
halle, hallelu,
Halle, hallelujah,
Ha-le-lu-jah!**

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Announcements

June 1st, 2025 Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Reader for this week: Daniel

Reader for next week: Gordon

Greeter this week: Tom and Elaine

Greeter next week: Cheryl and Robin

Tellers this week: Bonnie and Jo Ann

Tellers next week: John and Muriel

A/V this week: John

A/V next week: Al

Sunday

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service

Tuesday

10:00 Communion/ Anniversary

Prep Party!!!

Wednesday

6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom
 10:00 Anniversary Sunday Service
 with guest congregations joining us; followed by a
 time of fellowship in the hall for all.

Forced to Flee: Thursday June 5, 7-8pm in the board room. Learn about the experience of people forced to leave their home. Hosted by Canadian Foodgrains Bank: please contact Wendy Anderson or the office if you are interested in attending.

Grad Sunday June 15. Please let us know if you have a family member graduating from high school, college or university. Let Lisa know or sign the sheet in the Narthex.

Tuesday at 10 am there will be a communion set cleaning party and prep for the anniversary service. All welcome.

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: It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards. As well, 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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pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE

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