

June 29,

Prophets Tell the Truth

Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land and Commitment to Reconciliation:

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.

As we gather, we give thanks for the life and witness of First Nations people. We give thanks for the land, the creatures, and the plants who share this place with all of us.

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope. Chi-Meegwetch

Call to Worship¹

On days when we think God has nothing to do
with work or family or the world:

**The Word tells us of One who was a carpenter;
who wandered the streets;
who upset his family.**

On days when we think the purpose of life
is to make more money and fewer friends:

**The Word speaks of a life of giving away of ourselves
and finding a community as we do so.**

On days aching with loneliness and empty of love and laughter:

The Word draws us into the embrace of God's open heart.

So let us worship here together
in beloved community

Where all of us belong.

Opening Prayer²

Reader: Terry McPherson

Creator, we've come thirsty—thirsty for your Spirit.

You are Living water, we pray that you would bubble up from inside us and lead us
toward deep spirituality.

Guide, we've come hungry—hungry for community.

You are the Bread of life, feed our spirits, and lead us toward bold discipleship in
community.

Breath of life, we've come searching—searching for wholeness.

You are the source of hope, guide us, and lead us toward daring justice.

God, feed, nourish, and prepare us to be your church in the world.

Amen.

Lighting of Christ Candle

Prayer:

As we light this Christ Candle, may it remind us
that Christ is in us and in our world.

Sung Response MV62 There is Room for All

Peace of Christ

Song of Praise: VU286 If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

¹ Adapted from Lectionary Liturgies Pentecost 3/Trinity 2/Proper 8/Ordinary 13 - C

² Adapted from a prayer written by Alydia Smith and Teresa Burnett-Cole

Theme Conversation: Using Our Voice

The Story: Jeremiah 1:1-10 Reader: Carolyn Hendry

Reflection Chorus: MV172v1 God Says

Sermon: Prophets Tell the Truth

Life and Work of the Church

Offering of Thanksgiving

Every truth must be accompanied by some corresponding act.

- George MacDonald

Offertory Music: Selection by Victoria Warwick

Offertory Response: VU537 Your Work O God Needs Many Hands

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People³

Reader: Terry McPherson

Inspiring God,
Giver of words:

you speak
and chaos is transformed
into the starry skies of night;
you whisper
and the wind leaps
to caress our cheeks on a summer's evening;
you smile
and all creation rejoices in delight.

Jesus Christ,
Uncomfortable Word:

you stand with society's castoffs
outside the halls of respectability;
you break bread with sinners
and give them the seats of honor at your Table;
you walk the darkened hallways of death,
comforting those who are taking their last steps;
and you call to us, saying,
"Follow me."

Holy Spirit,
Word sifter:

by your touch
our anger can dissolve
into gentleness;
by your presence
our enemies
can become lifelong friends;
by your joy,
our envious spirits
can become generous hearts.

God in Community, Holy in One,
set us free to be your servants,
even as we pray as Jesus taught us, saying,

Our Mother/Father who art in heaven...

³ Adapted from Lectionary Liturgies Pentecost 3/Trinity 2/Proper 8/Ordinary 13 - C

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Song for the Journey:

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing: MV90 Don't Be Afraid

Postlude

Beyond Sunday: Re-Creation

Friends,

For the next few weeks, I will be on vacation from St. Paul's. Some have asked me what my plans are. For me, it is all about re-creation. I will be visiting friends and family: re-creating those relationships that are most important to me. I will be spending time in my outrageously neglected garden: re-creating my relationship with the soil and the creatures, large and small, that share my garden with me. I will be going to the beach. With my emergency beach kit. I will be hiking in the woods. With my special walking stick. I will be re-creating my relationship with the out of doors: looking at the sky, breathing in the scent of cedar, dipping my hands into streams. I am very aware of the gift that this time is, and I am so grateful to all of you for being part of a community that encourages this time of rest. May all of you be blessed with travelling mercies if you are travelling this summer, with peace if you are staying and resting here, with joy in meeting friends and family, with love wherever and whatever you do.

In Faith and Hope!

— Blessings Everyone —

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