

Worship Leader: Rev. Lois Brown

July 6, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

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 Worship

One: We gather together from a week filled with needs and demands.

All: We come together to nourish our spirits and find peace.

One: This is the day when we pause to sing praises and to hear God's word.

All: Today we are reminded that we are all God's children.

One: It is here that we find comfort and joy in being with neighbours and friends.

All: We come, ready to new possibilities.

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

Opening Prayer Reader: Sharon Whiteside

God of Peace and God of Hope, we come to you this morning seeking comfort and guidance. We thank you for all the beauty and abundance that we enjoy here in Ontario when we know that so many in the world are suffering from hunger and the devastation of war. We come to you praying for divine intervention in the Holy Land and other countries where there is need. Empower the leaders to stop the violence and rebuild lives. We worry about what lies ahead for the children when we watch the devastation and environmental disasters happening all over the world. Help us in this hour of worship to trust in your plan to save our planet. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

- **Prayer:** As we light this candle, may it be a reminder that Christ is with us and in the world.
- **Sung Response:** MV#62 There is Room For All

Peace of Christ

Song of Praise: VU#820 Make a Joyful Noise

Theme Conversation: God Made Us All Different

The Story: Psalm 30 v. 1-5; Galatians 6: 1-10

Reader: Colin Whiteside

Reflection Chorus: MV#172v1 God Says

Sermon: Living Life Abundantly

Life and Work of the Church

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music: Selection by Victoria

Offertory Response: VU#537 Your Work O God Needs Many Hands

Offertory Prayer:

Prayers of the People: (**Reader: Sharon Whiteside**)

Holy One, in a world of despair and fear, you are the light that gives us hope; the rainbow that forms after a storm; the joy in the sound of a newborn baby's cry, the soil that bursts open the seeds that grows new crops, the One we turn to when we need joy. As we begin a new week, may we feel assured that you are always there, ready to give us hope in times of stress and fear. You know our every weakness and every burden that we are carrying. Hear our prayers and strengthen us to face our challenges. May we always remember your love and forgiveness so that we will be empowered to offer the same forgiveness and kindness to others.

Answer these our prayers as we say the prayer that Jesus taught us, 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

Song for the Journey: VU#227 For the Fruit of All Creation

Blessing/Commissioning: Creator and Creating God, we have joined together in worship, praise, and prayers. May the Holy Spirit at work in us and in the world, give us hope for peace. Amen.

Extinguishing Candles:

Closing: VU12 Verse 4 She Walked in the Summer

Postlude