

Worship Leader: Rev. Lois Brown

July 13, 2025 Pentecost 5

Prelude

Introduction slides

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: When we long for the special events we think summer should offer:

All: it is enough for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.

One: When we are saddened by the drought of good news:

All: it is enough, for us, that God surrounds us with the beauty of nature.

One: When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

All: it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the love of friends and family.

One: It is enough for us, that God is here with us now.

Opening Prayer Reader: Carol MacDonald

Holy One, whose giving knows no end, when we have done what we can, to make peace and seek justice for all, we pray with our hearts that we have made a difference in this world. When we have done what we can, to provide shelter for the homeless and food for the hungry, we pray that others will notice and do likewise. Forgive us for those times when we fear that sharing what we have, will lead to our own impoverishment. Help us to transcend our self-centredness, greed and fear, knowing that we have plenty. Grant us gratitude for all we have, and the good health that we enjoy. May we live lives of kindness that are rooted in the generosity of our loving God. In Jesus' name, 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 (in front of the Communion Table)

Song of Praise: Hymn MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart (special music)

Theme Conversation: Children's Time

The Story: Psalm 82:1-5; Luke 10: 25-37 The Good Samaritan

Reader: Peggy Wallace

Reflection Chorus: MV#172v1 God Says

Sermon: The Good Samaritan

Life and Work of the Church

Offering of Thanksgiving (invitation by Lois at pulpit)

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

Offertory Response:

Offertory Prayer: (Lois)

Prayers of the People: (Reader: Carol MacDonald)

Loving and Gracious God, we pray that we could be set free from the barriers of our fears of approaching someone in need. Many of us seem to wear 'blindness' when we are out in the public and never notice someone who needs help. Help us to always be aware of our own safety as well as willing to help someone in trouble. Too often, we just hurry on, never even assessing the situation. Forgive us. Remind us that if we can make a difference in someone's life, that is one way we live out your love in this beautiful world. Today we pray for those who are lonely, for those who are unwell or in hospital, for those who are grieving, and for those who are trying to work out a serious problem. We pray for the thousands in the world who live in war-torn countries.

We also pray for (Concerns & Prayers of the People)

Here are 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is thy kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever, Amen.

Song for the Journey: MV#176 Three Things I Promise

Blessing/Commissioning: Let us go forth out into the world, among all people and let your love shine upon stranger and neighbour, so that all may know that you walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Amen

Extinguishing Candles:

Closing Hymn: VU#12 Verse 1 She Walked in the Summer

Postlude