

Season After Pentecost



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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Welcome

Check In: What "faith idea" do you most want to share with others?

Gathering Song: Gather In

Gather in create community
where we unite with our diversity.
Gather in we will live out the call
for acceptance and justice as we welcome all.

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. This week, we hold storytellers and storytelling in our thoughts. Stories are a way to teach each other, and generations to come, who we are and what is important. From November 5-9 the Yellowknife International Film Festival displayed excellence in local, Indigenous, Canadian, and circumpolar filmmaking alongside global cinema with 13 feature length films and 38 shorts on the schedule. The organization that runs this event each year is dedicated to reducing barriers to people in the north to tell their stories.

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope.
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Call to Worship

Come out of the shadows and into God's light!

**We will not play hide and seek,
but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.**

Lay down all which is a burden to you!

**We will give our fears to God,
who is our help in every moment.**

Follow the One who will lead you to new life!

**We long to live in God's presence
every day of our lives.**

Therefore, filled with God's love,
let us worship Creator today in beloved community

Where all of us belong.

Opening Prayer Reader: Sandra Flint Words of Assurance

Lighting of Christ Candle

- **Prayer:** As we light this Christ Candle,
may it be a reminder, that Christ is us and in our world.
- **Sung Response: May I Share**
May I share God's peace with you?
That His love may see us through
all the joys and trials of a life in his care.
May I share what I know to be true?
May I share God's peace with you

Peace of Christ

Stories for All Ages: Tomorrow I'll Be Brave by Jessica Hische

Song of Praise: VU#232 Joyful Joyful

Listening

Scripture Reader: Neal Foot

Sermon: Living Our Best Lives

Song for Reflection: MV#161 I Have Called You By Your Name

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music: Choir

Offertory Response: VU#538 For the Gift of Creation

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People Reader: Sandra Flint Going Forth

Song for the Journey: VU#87 I Am the Light of the World vs 2-4

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing: Amen

Postlude