

St. Andrew's United Church

188 Wellington Street

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Worship Leader: Mr. Merle Milson

Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

July 3, 2022

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Service

*indicates to stand as you are able

We Gather to Worship

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Introduction

*Introit: "Jesus Stand Among Us" VU #396, vs. 1 & 2

Jesus Stand Among us in your risen power.

Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit in to every heart.

Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

*Lighting of the Christ Candle – *Jeanne Breau*

(Christ candle is lit)

L: O, what a lovely light!

It is the light of the Christ in our midst!

All: Filled with this light,

Jesus bids us shine our own lovely light.

May it be so for each of us. Amen.

And we sing – "Jesus Bids Us Shine" VU #585. vs. 1

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light.

Like a little candle burning in the night.

In this world is darkness, so let us shine.

You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Call to Worship: (seated)

L: These summer months offer us much needed time for rest and renewal.

All: Let us come to this time of worship with the same desire: to find rest and renewal for our souls.

L: Let us come as the sun shines, as the warm rain falls, as the earth ripens, that we might praise God together.

2.

Opening Prayer:

L: On this Canada Day weekend of planned activities, special events, and national celebrations, we come before you, God, to remember the value of Sabbath, the need for holy rest and renewal.

All: In a time when we feel pushed and pulled in many directions, help us to set our direction on your truth and to be encouraged by your presence. Open us up to choices that nurture us and inspire others, as we follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" VU #333, vs. 1-3

Announcements of the Life and Work of the Church

Prayer of Confession:

Creator God, even though we acknowledge your abundant love for us, it is hard to live each day as children of your blessing. Sometimes the banquet of life's opportunities lures us in different directions until the song of your presence becomes faint. At other times, the worries and fears, the doubts and disappointments we experience overwhelm us until we cannot feel your Spirit sustaining us in the midst of such chaos. Loving God, forgive us for living with a scattered and hesitant faith. Strengthen our resolve to be better stewards of your spirit, to secure our lives in yours, and abundantly share the gift of your blessing with others. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance:

L: God is present today, as God was present yesterday and will be present tomorrow. God's constant, unfailing presence, acceptance, and forgiveness allow us to accept and forgive both ourselves and each other. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "O Jesus I Have Promised" VU #120, 1,2,4 (seated)

Canada Day Presentation

*O Canada" VU #524

The Word of God Proclaimed

3.

Prayer for Illumination: *Patricia Boucher*

God of the Word,

The Word that brings hope into this world.

The Word that brings peace to those in conflict.

The Word that brings healing to the wounded.

The Word that brings new life to all that is old and withered.

God, we pray that your Word be amongst us today.

Old Testament: Zechariah 1: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-3, 11, 13-17

Ministry of Music: "Bless This Land"

Reflection on the Word

We Respond To God's Word

*Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" VU # 337, vs. 1-3

Offering

*Offertory Choral Response: VU #544, "In Gratitude and Humble Trust"

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today.
To serve your cause and share your love with all along
life's way.**

**O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ,
your Son,**

**Teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work
is done.**

Offertory Prayer:

**Loving God, who desires fullness of life for all your children,
you alone are deserving of our precious gifts. Because you give
much and demand little, because you encourage and nurture
instead of force, because you love us instead of test us, we offer
all that we have and all we are in devotion to you and to your
ministry on earth. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer – *Marjorie MacPhee*

*Hymn: "Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

VU # 563, vs. 1-3

4.

*Commissioning and Benediction:

L: Ready for action we leave this service.

All: We will reflect humbly.

We will decide carefully.

We will go out confidently.

We will act resolutely.

We will grow steadily.

We will love wholeheartedly.

L: May the blessing of God – Creator, redeemer, and sustainer – go with you now and always. Amen.

*Choral Blessing:

**Thank you, Lord on this day, for our many good
blessings.**

**Thank you, Lord on this day, for our many close
friendships.**

Glory to God, may you hear our prayer,

Guide us on forever.

**Thank you Lord, on this day, for our blessings and
friendships.**

Musical Postlude

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Ron & Ray
Carter and their families on the death of their brother,
John (Jack) Carter.*

Memorial

In loving memory of **Milt MacInnis**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Hugh & Colleen Dickson.

Greeters: **July 3** – Brian & Davida Adams/**July 10th** – Harriet MacNaughton, Grace Fraser/**July 17th** – Don & Judy Bowman/**July 24th** – John & Brenda Jardine

Sound System: **July 3** – Ernie MacLean/**July 10** – Brian Savoy/**July 17** – Don Bowman/**July 24** – Barry Campbell

Power Point: **July 3** – Mary Reynolds/**July 10** – Karen Rose/**July 17th** – Juanita Hamilton/ **July 24** – Mary Reynolds

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Offering Counters: July 3 – Lynn MacPhee, Marjorie MacPhee/**July 10**- Karen Rose & Brian Savoy/**July 17** – Juanita Hamilton, Debbie Stymiest/ **July 24** – Judy & Dennis Morrison/**July 31** – Brian Savoy, Barry Campbell
(Please note **offering counters** on your Sunday are responsible for locking all the doors to the church and ensuring all lights are off.)

Garbage & Recycle: July 3 – Ernie MacLean (R)/**July 10** – Brian Savoy (G)/**July 17**- Don Bowman (R)/**July 24** – Barry Campbell (G)/**July 31** – Brian Adams (R)

Lawn Mowing: Week of July 10th – Brian Savoy/**Week of July 24th** – Barry Campbell

This Week:

Summer Office Hours – Monday, closed; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

Funding St. Lawrence Dawning Water Region 14 General Council has appointed Rev. Alice Smezok as our supervising minister for the next three months until our new minister starts in October, please contact her for any pastoral emergencies at 622-1598, church office or 626-2618 cell.

During the week if the office is closed and you need Karen you can reach her at 773-7718 home or her cell 626-4162.