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**St. Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church**  
**Pentecost 9 – July 22, 2018**

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As you sit to prepare for worship, you are invited to take a moment to acknowledge the land on which our church stands and the spirit of those First Peoples who named this area Katarokwi – the meeting place on the flat rocks.

We also acknowledge the enduring presence of First Peoples who remind us to honour the places where our feet stand.

◆ the congregation is invited to stand, as you are able.  
Congregational responses and hymn titles appear in **bold** type

*Gathering of God's People*

**Welcome & Greetings**

**Announcements**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship:**

We are blessed to be here this morning.

**We are blessed with God's love.**

We shall sing of God's tender mercies.

**We shall sing of God's everlasting love.**

Our worship is our praise.

**Prayer of Gathering:**

**God, we are a blessed people. You give us what we need each day. Our hearts hunger for your spirit, our minds hunger for your word, our eyes hunger for your presence. Still our hearts, our minds and our eyes this morning so that we can receive your nourishment and your love. Amen.**

◆ **Hymn:** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom* VU #356

**Children's Time**

*Good News in God's Word*

**Scripture Readings:** Barbara Elliott

**First Reading:** Ephesians 2:11-22

Hear the words of the Apostle. **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Praise be to God.**

**Reflection:** *Time for a Time Out!*

*Giving Our Response*

**Hymn:** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus* VU #626

**Presentation of Our Gifts and Offerings**

◆ **Offertory Prayer & Sung Response:** MV #182

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word, joyful, in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Generous God, our hearts beat with gratitude for the blessings which permeate our lives. You call us to share our blessings with our neighbours both near and far. We offer a portion of what we have in love and devotion, so that others may find some hope, peace and joy. Take our gifts and multiply them. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and**

**Lord's Prayer:** A Paraphrase

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be. Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done  
by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Going into God's World*

◆ **Hymn:** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* VU #232

◆ **Benediction & Choral Blessing: ...*Go Out with Joy* VU #884**

♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ We shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before us; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.... And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap) 3X while we go out with joy.

**Postlude**

*Please join us for lemonade after the service.*