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

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 Katorokwi – 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

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.**

**We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.**

Children's Time

Good News in God's Word

Scripture Readings: Barbara Elliott

First Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

One in Christ

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ

Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

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

Feeding the Five Thousand

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Healing the Sick in Gennesaret

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the

sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.”**

**I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank**

**of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.**

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**

Joyful, joyful we adore you,

God of glory, life and love;

hearts unfold like flowers before you,

opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,

drive the gloom of doubt away;

giver of immortal gladness,

fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,

earth and heaven reflect your rays,

stars and angels sing around you,

centre of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,

flowery meadow, flashing sea,

chanting bird and flowing fountain,

sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving,

ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

◆ **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

*Welcoming Christine and Family
July 29, 11 am
Pot Luck Lunch*

Please join us on Sunday, July 29 after Worship for a pot luck lunch to welcome Christine Sloan and her family, and to share time together getting to know one another and catching up on each other's news.



Not necessarily as above!