

HYMN ~ O God of Bethel

VU 650

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN:

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God of infinite abundance, your mercy knows no ends. You love us patiently and hopefully. May we live out that love by sharing extravagantly. Transform our lives into expressions of deep faithfulness. Amen.

(adapted words of L. Turnbull, Gathering Pentecost 1 2025)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN ~ When All Your Mercies, O My God VU 219

BLESSING

One: Let us go in peace and pray boldly, courageously and expectantly.

May the blessing of God be with you this day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

Postlude ~

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SUMMER
WORSHIP
2025

Worship Leader:

Mary Parsons

Music Director:

Alexander Cann

Custodian:

Kevin Geluch

Church Administrator:

Sue Hawthorne-Bate

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
10:30AM



SUMMER WORSHIP 2025

All are welcome for lemonade and fellowship after worship!

THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

OPENING HYMN ~ Rejoice the Lord is King VU 213

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND LIGHTING OF CANDLE OF PEACE

One: The land on which we worship and serve God each week was first inhabited and cared for by the people of the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe who are covered under the Upper Canada Treaty. For thousands of years, they walked on and treated the land with respect. May we continue with respect, by living our lives moving gently in creation, listening, learning, and striving to be people of reconciliation.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

All: As the Christ candle is lit, may our Loving God kindle the flame in our hearts, reminding us of the glow that Jesus Christ brings to our lives. May we carry that glow into the life of discipleship to which we are called, naming its light as grace, promise, and hope.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: We know that no matter where we are, God is there.

All: We know that our human values sometimes overshadow God's values.

One: Come into this place to reconnect to the source of life.

All: We come to be reminded of what is really important.

One: May we learn to put the blessings where they belong.

All: May Jesus remind us where to place our values.

One: So that those who most need it are reminded that they are blessed. Let us worship God.

(words by Eric Hebert-Daly, from Gathering Pentecost 1 2022 Year C)

HYMN ~ O Joy of God

VU 407

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

All: Holy God, we enjoy your abundance, yet are seduced by accumulation. The mantra, "More is better," lulls us. We fill our cupboards and closets, basements and garages to overflowing. Yet we despair, feeling our lives are often empty. We claim to enjoy your peace, yet we persist in worrying about things. We worry about our home, our car, our clothes, our shoes. Yet we despair, sensing our coveted treasures bring no lasting meaning to life.

Spirit of Abundance, forgive us. Let us not be possessed by our possessions.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S STORY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: God of life, we open our hearts and minds to ancient words of scripture, seeking wisdom for today. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURES

Hosea, Chapter 1, verses 1 to 11

Luke, Chapter 12, verses 13 to 21

One: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION ~ "How Many Shoes"





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