

THE SCRIPTURES

Luke, Chapter 11, verses 1 to 13

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON ~ "As Jesus has taught us to pray"

HYMN ~ Love Us Into Fullness

MV 81

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: Before you, O God, we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. We lay our gifts before you in praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings. May these offerings continue the transforming work of your Spirit in and through our congregation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN ~ I Heard the Voice of Jesus

VU 626

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 ~ Wheatland, O. Peterson

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SUMMER
WORSHIP
2025

Worship Leader:

Rev. Eun-Joo Park

Music Director:

Alexander Cann

Custodian:

Kevin Geluch

Church Administrator:

Sue Hawthorne-Bate

SUNDAY, JULY 27

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 ~ Now Thank We All Our God VU 236

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & LIGHTING OF THE 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.

LITURGY OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world,

All: may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: God's goodness is poured over us!

All: God's blessings abound in our lives!

One: In the darkness God abides with us.

All: In the light God dances and shouts with us!

One: Holy is God who is present with us at all times.

All: How grateful we are for God's presence and compassion.

One: Come to the presence of God.

All: Let us worship God.

One: Let us pray:

God of grace and God of glory, come and be known to us in our gathering together; come and be present in the songs we sing and in the prayers we raise. From the busy byways of life, we come to find once again that you are always present and always ready to receive us.

All: As we affirm our faith this day, deepen the roots of our commitment, that we may learn your calling upon our lives. Surround us now with the love and comfort of your Holy Spirit and the direction and redemption of Christ. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

All: God, you see each heart; you feel the weight of the baggage we bring with us; the cares, the worries, the fears. You know that we are not all joyful. We do not ask you for a bandage to cover up the hurt; we are not looking for a quick fix. God, we ask you to come and be with us: in our praying, in our not knowing how to pray, in our not being able to pray. Gather us into your loving arms; draw us into the mystery of your presence so that we may find our true selves and our true joy. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God's love and grace frees us from whatever holds us captive.

All: God's love and grace renews us and call us forth to new life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN ~ Jesus Stand Among Us

VU 396

CHILDREN'S STORY



LIFE AND WORK AT MELROSE

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

- **Euchre Night** ~ Friday, July 25th & August 22nd, doors open at 7:00pm, games begin at 7:30pm sharp. No partner needed! Beginners welcome!
- **Community Knitting and Crochet** ~ Saturday July 20 & August 16, 9:30am - 11:30am. All skill levels welcome! Tea, coffee and snacks provided!
- **Jam Jars Needed!** ~ Its jamming time again! We are in need of 250ml and 500ml jars. Please drop them off at the office. No spaghetti sauce jars or other glass! Thanks!

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

In July & August the office will usually be open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Sue will be on holidays from Wednesday, July 23rd to Wednesday, July 30th.

Please be sure to submit your news for the bulletin or newsletter by the beginning of each week! Thank you!

