

*Our mission is to love God, to love our neighbour as ourselves,  
and to nurture and strengthen our Christian faith.*

**SUNDAY, August 9, 2020**

Presiding – Brent Tucker

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*We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith*

## **SEEDS OF MEDITATION**

“He who sings prays twice.” *Saint Augustine*

## **GATHERING WITH COMPASSION**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

We light the Affirming candle in celebration of the wonderful diversity of genders, colours and shapes that humanity is created in. May the Creator in whose image we are all created, Christ who modeled inclusion, and the Spirit who guides us toward justice help us offer compassion, justice and love to all.

We light the Treaty 7/Metis Region 3 candle to show respect for the land and to affirm our continued commitment to live into right relations with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

We light the Christ Candle to remind us that the light of Christ is with us always; within us and around us, bringing warmth and hope and joy whenever we notice it. Praise be to Christ, the Light of the World!

## **EXPANSION OF OUR HEARTS**

### **Focusing Our Hearts for Worship**

We cannot see the great cloud of witnesses who have worshipped together over the years as St. David’s United Church.

**But we are part of the prayer that sustains and blesses life throughout the generations.**

We cannot hear the singing of our ancestors that filled the sanctuary and soared to the ceiling.

**But beauty and grace continue to inspire us.**

Hymns, prayers and stories remind us:

**we are part of a story of faith still unfolding.**

The Spirit reaches into our lives with a call to wonder, love, and praise.

**We answer with the songs of our hearts, minds, and spirits.**

*Wendy MacLean, Vision and Transformation Ministry, Montreal Presbytery.*

## **Opening Prayer:**

Sing through our joy, Celestial Singer, high chanter of cantors,  
Divine Minstrel, sing in us, sing through us.

Sing through our pain, Holy Spirit.  
Breath of God, breathe through these ragged reeds,  
make us the music of flutes and the lightness of feathers floating on your breath.

God, who brings music to our souls, gather up the songs and offerings of our hearts  
that our lives may be continually transformed  
into the image of Christ, alive among us. Amen.

*Gail Corbett, Mark Street U.C., Peterborough, Ont.*

**HYMN** This is the Day (VU #412)

This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Open to us, open to us  
the gates of God, the gates of God;  
we will go in, we will go in and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.  
Open to us the gates of God;  
we will go in and praise the Lord.  
Open to us, open to us the gates of God.

You are our God; you are our God;  
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God; we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God; you are our God; we will praise your name.

## **PROCLAIMING**

### **READINGS**

**Isaiah 12: 1-6 (Good News Translation)** A Hymn of Thanksgiving

*A moment of silence ....*

**Colossians 3: 12-17** The New Life in Christ

*A moment of silence ....*

**Johann Sebastian Bach's Approach to Music by Jayson Rowe**

*A moment of silence ....*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**REFLECTION Hymn Stories**

*St. Francis of Assisi - All Creatures of Our God and King.*

**HYMN** All Creatures of Our God and King (VU #217)

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam, Soft shining moon with silver gleam:  
Sing praises, sing praises, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice, O lights of evening, find a voice.  
Sing praises, sing praises, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship God in humbleness,  
Sing Praises! Alleluia!  
Praise God eternal, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing Praises! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Frances Havergal - Take my Life and Let it Be.*

**Hymn:** Take my Life and Let It Be (VU #506) – *Note: the words of the second verse are her original words, not the ones in Voices United*

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, all for thee;  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

Take my love; and I will pour At Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

*The Common Cup Company - Draw the Circle Wide, written by Gordon Light, one of the group's members.*

**Hymn:** Draw the Circle Wide (MV #145)

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle Round whom all creation turns  
Nothing lost but held forever in God's gracious arms

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Let the dreams we dream be larger Than we've ever dreamed before  
Let the dream of Christ be in us Open every door!

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

## **RESPONDING**

### **PRAYERS OF OUR HEARTS**

#### **The prayer of Jesus:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

#### **Hymn: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (VU #575)**

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## **BLESSING**

Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.

**We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.**

Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.

**We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.**

Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

**We go with the assurance of your love, O God.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**SUNG BENEDICTION** Go Now In Peace (VU#964)

Go now in peace; go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

## **POSTLUDE**