

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, June 29, 2025

A Celebration of Canada

Introit **Where Two or Three Are Gathered** (More Voices 14)

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Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there. *Repeat*

Acknowledgement of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Music

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We gather today for worship marking the
158th birthday of Canada.

**As we gather, we recognize the history of Canada has both
joy and sorrow, both triumph and tragedy.**

We have much to celebrate, much to lament,
and much to dream.

**Come, let us gather in the presence of God,
our Creator.**

Come, let us worship the Creator in whom we,
and all of creation, are one.

Come, let us open our hearts in thanksgiving.

The National Anthem O Canada

Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn **Let Us Build a House** (More Voices 1, vs. 1, 4 & 5)

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- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome,
All are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

A Time To Wonder

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 19:10-15
Psalm 100

Reflection “Strong and Free”

Hymn **We Praise You, Creator** (VU 293)

Words: Edward Louis Budry 1904, alt English trans. © 1993 Andrew Donaldson

Music: attrib. Johann Michael Haydn; arr. William Gardiner 1815.

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- 1 We praise you, Creator, in earth, sea, and sky:
 our Ruler, our Maker, our Sovereign most high.
 Each new generation lifts voices in praise;
 how good your creation, how gracious your ways!
- 2 Each springtime the blossoms bloom fragrant once more;
 each summer and autumn brings forth its rich store.
 With witness compelling our praise and our prayer,
 creation is telling of your faithful care.
- 3 Your wondrous works teach us, Creator, to trace the
 limitless reaches of your love and grace.
 Your grace dwells among us, your love goes before:
 From eldest to youngest we praise and adore.

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response **When I Needed a Neighbour** (Voices United 600, vs. 1 & 2)

Words: Sydney Carter 1962

Music: Sydney Carter, harm. Cantate Comino, full-music edition

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When I needed a neighbour,
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour,

were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty
were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty
were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
were you there?

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (Sung) In celebration of the 100th
Adapted from Matthew 6: 9-13 Words & Music Glenn Parsons

Our God, who is in Heaven
Holy is Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as it is in Heav'n.
Give us this day our daily bread,
forgive the ways that we turn from You
and help us to forgive.
Lead us not to things that tempt us,
save us from all evil,
for Yours is the kingdom
the pow'r and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Parting Hymn

May the God of Hope Go with Us (Voices United 424)

Words: v. 1 Alvin Schutmaat 1984; Words: v. 2 Fred Kaan

Music: Argentine folk melody

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- 1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
 filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
 May the God of justice speed us on our way,
 bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain: Praying, let us work for peace,
 singing, share our joy with all,
 working for a world that's new,
 faithful when we hear Christ's call.

- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
 freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
 May the God of love keep our commitment clear
 to a world restored, to human life renewed. *Refrain*

Going Forth

Postlude

Worship Leader – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leadership – Claire Jung
Greeters – Rosalie Knogler & Donna Loglisci
Welcoming – Pastor Beth Parsons
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Spirit Kids
Opening Prayer – Sam Boehner
Spirit Kids Program – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis
Scripture Reader – Margaret Bates
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Alan Priestley
Technical Support – Jayda Perry and Louise Johnston
Fellowship Time – Caring Ministry
Flowers are offered by Barbara Waldner