



**Celebrating
178 Years**



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Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Land Acknowledgement:

Let us take time to acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial.

God, help us to be thankful and to become better neighbours and stewards that we might continue to honour these lands.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

In moments of anxiety, God leads us to still waters.

O God, we come to you.

In moments of confusion, God leads us in right paths.

O God, we come to hear your voice.

In moments of loneliness, God is with us.

O God, we come, seeking your love.

In all our moments, God is with us.

So we come to praise the One who restores our lives.

Opening Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King VU 217

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
 hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
 sing praises, sing praises,
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
 sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
 sing praises, sing praises,
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way:

sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:
 sing praises, hallelujah!
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

4 And everyone of tender heart,
 forgiving others, take your part:
 sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and yield up all your care:
 sing praises, hallelujah!
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

5 Let all things their Creator bless,
 and worship God in humbleness:
 sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
 sing praises, hallelujah!
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

Creator God, in summer we marvel at the world you have made, the colours of sunrise and sunset filling the horizon, the beauty of flower gardens and parks, the quiet river in its course. You show us how each small piece of your creation depends in many ways on all the others. We join all creation to bring you praise, Amen.

Children's Time

Ministry of Music: The Miracle *words and music Shawna Belt Edwards*

Prayer of Confession

Though we marvel at your creation, we confess we often take it for granted. We prefer to live as if our lifestyles make no impact on the earth. We confess we don't really want to change. Forgive us for any harm we cause the earth. Teach us how to live with love and respect for you and your whole creation.

Assurance of Pardon

God has made peace with us through the Cross of Jesus Christ. So in Christ, all things hold together. Accept the peace of Christ and make peace with one another in his name.

Scripture: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (NRSV)

Feeding the Five Thousand

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 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. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 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

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 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.

Sermon: Running on Empty

Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds VU 344

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 in a believer's ear!
 It soothes the sorrows, heals the wounds,
 and drives away all fear.

- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
 and calms the troubled breast;
 'tis manna to the hungry soul,
 and to the weary, rest.

- 3 Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
 my shield and hiding-place,
 my never-failing treasury, filled
 with boundless stores of grace.

- 4 Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
 my Prophet, Priest, and King,
 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
 accept the praise I bring.

- 5 The effort of my heart is weak,
 and cold my warmest thought;
 but when I see you whom I seek,
 I'll praise you as I ought.

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

- **Birthdays**

- Mildred Perkin celebrates on Sun July 21st
- Millie Cumming celebrates on Sun July 21st
- Ruth Sproule celebrates on Tues July 23rd
- Patty Duncan celebrates 65 years on Wed July 24th
- Elsie Smith celebrates on Thurs July 25th

- **Condolences**

- We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Jeannette Witt who unexpectedly passed away on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. Please keep the family in your prayers. Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held on Friday, August 2, 2024 at 11:00 am at Belsyde Cemetery, Fergus.

Offering Hymn: What Can I Do MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (x2)

Offering Prayer

Parting Song: All the way My Saviour Leads Me VU 635

1 All the way my Saviour leads me;
 what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
 who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
 here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me,
 Jesus doeth all things well.

2 All the way my Saviour leads me,
 cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
 feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
 and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
 lo, a spring of joy I see!

3 All the way my Saviour leads me;
 O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
 in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
 wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
 'Jesus led me all the way!'

Postlude: My Tribute by Andrae Crouch sung by Rev. Jeff Hawkins, accompanied by Suzanne Flewelling

Welcomers: Doreen and Larry Broome

Counters: Ruth Sproule, Karen Smillie

Worship Schedule

July 28	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Ruth Brown
August 4	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
August 11	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
August 18	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins