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## Prelude

## Welcome

## Announcements

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, welcome! Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the parlour after the service.

- **Friday morning coffee and conversation** will continue through the summer months, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 ish. Thanks to the Fun, Funds and Fellowship Committee for hosting this Friday morning treat. Come along and enjoy.

## Land Acknowledgment:

For thousands of years, the First Peoples of this place have cared for the land even as the land cared for them. Guided by the wisdom of their traditions and their ancestors, they have been taught that the circle of life is embraced and embracing.

**Let us carry on this wisdom. Let us live into right relations with love and respect. Let us remember this with thanksgiving.**

## Lighting of the Christ Candle:

This beautiful summer Sunday is shrouded with mystery and awe. **Shining into this Sabbath morning is the very light of Christ.**

Even through inexplicable times and circumstances,  
**Christ's light shines on.**

## Call to worship:

We look at the hills around us; we are awestruck at the splendor of great lakes, captivated by endless starry skies, silenced by snowy mountain peaks and wondrous rainbows.

**And joy fills our hearts for all God has created.**

We remember the support and encouragement of family and friends through the highs and lows of life,

**And thanksgiving overflows for all God has created.**

We think back to the inspiration that has been ours in this sanctuary Sunday by Sunday, the willing participants and leaders, the soaring music and song,

**And our worship resounds with praise for all God has created.**

We wonder at the future and what will become of it all....

**We rest secure in the certain and faithful presence of our God.**

## Hymn: God of the Sparrow VU 229

- 1 God of the sparrow God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

- 2 God of the earthquake God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save
- 3 God of the rainbow God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks
- 4 God of the hungry God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life
- 5 God of the neighbour God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace
- 6 God of the ages God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

**Prayer:**

**Gracious God, may your Spirit rest upon us as we worship together this Sabbath morning. May your sacred breath fill us in song and sacred story, in silence and prayer. May we return to the world refreshed and renewed in Jesus' name, our light and our salvation, our wisdom and our delight. Amen.**

**Ministry of Music: You Are Mine** - *music and lyrics by David Haas*

I will come to you in the silence  
I will lift you from all your fear  
You will hear My voice  
I claim you as My choice  
Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless  
I am eyes for all who long to see  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light  
Come and rest in Me

Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free  
And all will know My name

Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine

I am the Word that leads all to freedom  
I am the peace the world cannot give  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain  
Stand up, now, walk, and live

Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me

I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine

Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine

**Scripture Readings (NSRV):**  
**Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**John 6:1-21**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy

enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Response:     The Word of Love  
                  **Thanks Be to God**

### **Sermon: Jesus and the God of Abundance**

#### **Hymn: Walk with Me VU 649**

Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.

- 1     When Moses heard the call of God  
      he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'  
      But God told Moses, 'You're the one  
      to set my people free.'     R
  
- 2     Now Peter was a most unlikely  
      man to lead the flock;  
      but Jesus knew his holiness  
      and he became the Rock.     R
  
- 3     Young Mary Magdalene was sure  
      her life could be much more,  
      and by her faith she dared to let  
      God's love unlock the door.     R
  
- 4     And when you share your faith with me  
      and work for life made new,

the witness of your faithfulness  
calls me to walk with you. R

### **Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

- **Birthdays**
  - Diane Maloney celebrates on Mon July 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Rev. Tom Watson celebrates on Mon July 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus**

#### **Offering Our Gifts**

#### **Dedication Song: MV 191 What Can I Do**

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)

#### **Dedication Prayer:**

**God of Abundant Life, we dedicate this offering to your work throughout the world. May it find the places and the people in need of love. May it be a beacon of hope for all, blessed by your Spirit and in the grace of Christ. Amen**

#### **Hymn: Bless Now, O God the Journey VU 633**

- 1 Bless now, O God, the journey  
that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence,  
the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert  
and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters,  
the road where faith is found.
- 2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims  
who share this winding way,  
whose hope burns through the terrors,  
whose love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom  
while often we are bound.  
Together we are seeking  
the road where faith is found.
- 3 Divine Eternal Lover,  
you meet us on the road.  
We wait for lands of promise  
where milk and honey flow.  
But waiting not for places,  
you meet us all around.

Our covenant is written  
on roads, as faith is found.

**Benediction:**

Now to God, who by the power at work in us and others,  
is able to accomplish abundantly far more  
than all we can ask or imagine,

**To God be Glory!**

In the church, in you and me and in others,  
and in generations yet to be born, forever and ever.

**To God be Glory!**

By the grace of Christ, the love of God and the power of the Spirit

**Amen**

**Postlude: Keep On the Sunny Side of Life** *music and lyrics by the Carter Family*

VERSE 1

There's a dark and a troubled side of life  
There's a bright and a sunny side too  
Though we meet with the darkness and strife  
The sunny side we also may view.

CHORUS

Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side  
Keep on the sunny side of life  
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way  
If we keep on the sunny side of life.

VERSE 2

Oh the storm and its fury raged today  
Crushing hopes that we cherish so dear  
The cloud and storm will in time pass away  
And the sun again will shine bright and clear.

CHORUS

Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side  
Keep on the sunny side of life  
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way  
If we'll keep on the sunny side of life.

VERSE 3

Let us greet with a song of hope each day  
Though the moments be cloudy or fair  
And let us trust in our Saviour always  
To keep us, everyone, in His care

CHORUS

Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side  
Keep on the sunny side of life  
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way  
If we'll keep on the sunny side of life

**Welcomers:** Barb Gregory, John Cuming

**Counters:** Lynne Lamb, Chris Hopewell

### Worship Schedule

August 4	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
August 11	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
August 18	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
August 25	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski