



**Celebrating  
178 Years**



**August 18, 2024**

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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship:**

Praise God! Give thanks to God from your heart!

**Great are the works of our God and we delight in them.**

Yes, the works of God's hands are faithful and just;

**Holy and awesome is God's name.**

**So we honour God's name, so that God's praise may endure forever.**

**Opening Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU 574**

- 1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,  
tender and true, tender and true,  
out of the heart of the Father above,  
streaming to me and to you:  
wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
- 2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell  
joyfully came, joyfully came,  
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,  
sharing their sorrow and shame,  
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,  
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.
- 3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;  
why do they roam? why do they roam?  
Love only waits to forgive and forget;  
home, weary wanderers, home!  
Wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
- 4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!  
Come and abide, come and abide,  
lifting my life till it rises above  
envy and falsehood and pride:

seeking to be, seeking to be  
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

**Opening Prayer:**

**Creator, when our souls hunger for fulfillment, you give us the Bread of Life.**

**Christ, when our souls thirst for communion with you, you refresh us with living water. Spirit, when we long for what is authentic, you show us the Way.**

**And so we come to worship you, now and evermore. Amen**

**Ministry of Music: Fill My cup, Lord** *words and music by Richard Blanchard*

**Children's Time**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**O God, forgive us when we forget what matters to you. Forgive the sins we have done to please ourselves. By your grace, forgive us, and bless what we can become through your faithfulness to us.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

In Christ, all things are made new. Know that you are forgiven by his great mercy. Trust in God's mercy and have the courage to forgive each other in Jesus' name.

**Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20**

Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sermon: Are You Full of It?**

**Hymn: Blessed Assurance VU 337**

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.  
    This is my story, this is my song,  
    praising my Saviour all the day long;  
    this is my story, this is my song,  
    praising my Saviour all the day long.
  
- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. R

### Joys & Concerns

- **Birthdays**
  - Joan Foster celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Elizabeth Stinson celebrates on the 23<sup>rd</sup>
- **Anniversary**
  - Lorri & Richard Wright celebrates on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Prayers and Lord's Prayer

#### 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: Be Still, My Soul VU 652

- 1 Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide,  
who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend  
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul, your God will undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey  
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.
- 3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever in God's peace;  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**Postlude: The Lighthouse** sung by Jeff Hawkins accompanied by Suzanne Flewelling

**Welcomers:** Barb Gregory, Alison Rainford

**Counters:** Lynne Lamb, Phil Brown

**Worship Schedule**

August 25	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
September 1	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
September 8	Creation Time Begins	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
September 15	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Linda Butler
September 22	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Social Justice Committee