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179 Years*



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June 22, 2025
The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Welcome & announcements:

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: You assure us, Jesus, that wherever two or three are gathered in your name, you are there.

All: We light this candle as a reminder and to celebrate your constant presence.

May we always seek your guiding light in our lives.

Call to Worship

One: The Spirit gives us life, and pours on us the power to become new people.

All: We come open to listening for the Spirit's breath,

One: The Spirit offers us the strength and courage to join in God's work,
and to carry on even when the going gets tough.

All: We come ready to be filled with hope and with love for God and one another.

One: Let us worship God!

Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre **VU 374**

- 1 Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,

let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Opening Prayer

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

Children's Time: Walk with Me

Music Ministry: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God (*words and music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend*)

Hebrew Scripture Reading: I Kings 19:1-18 *reader Millie Cumming*

Elijah Flees from Jezebel

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Sermon: It's Not Over Till It's Over

Hymn: Three Things I Promise MV 176

1. Three things I promise, Holy God,
in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.
2. Your love unfolded time and space,
and life, and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice,
through good and ill, I bless your Name.
3. I follow, serve, and cling to Christ
amid our culture's tides and trends,
for here your Name is most revealed:

Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

4. Enlivened as the Spirit moves
to cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,
may seed and grow in all I do.
5. If I should live when vigour fades,
and family and friends are gone,
three acts of loving faith remain
when days are slow, and work is done.
6. Revive and guide me, Living God,
as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

Joys / Concerns

- **Birthdays**
 - Helen Bradley celebrates on June 28th
 - Barbara Zirk celebrates on June 28th
- **Anniversaries**
 - Lynne & David Lamb celebrates on June 28th
- **Condolences**
 - We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Kenneth "Ken" Woodhouse who passed away on Sunday, June 15, 2025

Prayers of the People

The Lord's prayer

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.

Offertory invitation

Offertory 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)

Offertory Prayer

Hymn: I Feel the Winds of God

VU 625

1 I feel the winds of God today;

today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.

2 It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.

3 If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above;
it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift.

Benediction and Commissioning (*adapted from **Touch Holiness***)

One: As it is a gift that we may serve God, let us now go forth,
accepting the ministry to which each one of us is surely called.

**All: Let us rejoice in the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
as we go forth in peace. Amen.**

Postlude: Bless this House (*words and music by Helen Taylor & May H. Brahe*)

Welcomers: Barb Gregory, John Cuming

Counters: Chris Hopewell, Karen Smillie

Worship Schedule

June 29 th	3 rd after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
July 6 th	4 th after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
July 13 th	5 th after Pentecost	Rev. Linda Butler
July 20 th	6 th after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski