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July 13, 2025
5th Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding: Rev. Linda Butler
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Prelude

Welcome & announcements:

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle. (from *The Open Gate*)

One: Christ light be with us in the morning.
Christ light be with us at the end.
Christ light be with us in the dawning.

All: Christ light everlasting friend.

Call to Worship (adapted from *Flames of the Spirit*)

One: It is God our Creator who sets us free to live,

All: who calls us into a community of equity and commitment.

One: It is Jesus our Christ who has blazed the trail of new life,

All: who has gone before us to overcome sin and death.

One: It is the Spirit who stirs us into action,

All: and binds us into one web of life.

Hymn: Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12

1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.
2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.
3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.
4. Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

5. Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: The Church Is Wherever God's People VU 579

- 1 The church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.
- 2 The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

Children's Time: Who Would Have Thought?

Music Ministry: There's A Time for Building Bridges *words and music by Reverend Carey Landry*

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37 *reader Mary Lloyd*

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Sermon: Who Is My Neighbour?

Hymn: In Loving Partnership We Come

VU 603

- 1 In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.

- 2 We are the hands and feet of Christ,
 serving by grace each other's need.
 We dare to risk and sacrifice
 with truthful word and faithful deed.
- 3 Loving community we seek;
 your hope and strength within us move.
 The poor and rich, the strong and weak
 are brought together in your love.
- 4 In loving partnership, O God,
 help us your future to proclaim.
 Justice and peace be our desire,
 we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

Joys / Concerns

- **Anniversaries**
 - Elmer & Ioan Shortt celebrates on July 19th

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory invitation

Offertory Song: 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: Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

Refrain

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

1. God the still-point of the circle,
 'round whom all creation turns;
 nothing lost, but held forever,
 in God's gracious arms.
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
 so encompass great and small;

let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.

3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.

Benediction and Commissioning (*adapted from **Flames of the Spirit***)

Postlude: Go Make a Difference **MV 209**

Welcomers: John Cuming, Mary Lloyd

Counters: David Gohn, Phil Brown

Worship Schedule

July 20 th	6 th after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
July 27 th	7 th after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
August 3 rd	8 th after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
August 10 th	9 th after Pentecost	Rev. Linda Butler