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Presiding: Rev. Felicia Urbanski

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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 (responsive)

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world.

May its light brighten our spirits, and may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

Call to Worship (responsive)

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find;

knock, and the door will be opened for you."

Lord, as we search now, let us find you.

As we knock, open the door to us.

Let us know you, that we may praise you;

and love you, that we may serve you.

Let us join together in worship.

Hymn: Seek Ye First the Kingdom VU 356

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
 and God's righteousness,
 and all these things shall be added unto you.
 Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
 seek and you shall find;
 knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
 Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 3 We do not live by bread alone,
 but by every word
 that proceeds from the mouth of God.
 Hallelu, hallelujah.

Opening Prayer

Children's Time

Music Ministry: On Wings of Song by Felix Mendelssohn. Felicia Urbanski, violin & Suzanne Flewelling, piano

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1-13 (*NRSV Updated Edition*). *Reader Lynn Lamb*

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Reflection: God's Loving Interference

Hymn: O God of Bethel VU 650

- 1 O God of Bethel, by whose hand
your people still are fed,
who through this earthly pilgrimage
have all your servants led:
- 2 our vows, our prayers, we now present
before your throne of grace.
God of past ages, be the God
of each succeeding race.
- 3 Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and shelter fit provide.
- 4 O spread your covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our God's beloved abode
our souls arrive in peace.

Joys and Concerns

- Birthdays
 - Barry Rawn celebrates on July 20
 - Mildred Perkin celebrates on July 21

- Millie Cumming celebrates on July 21
- Ruth Sproule celebrates on July 23
- Patty Duncan celebrates on July 24
- Elsie Smith celebrates on July 25

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Song: VU 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing VU 481

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

Benediction and Commissioning

Postlude: Change Our Hearts *by Roy Cooney*

CHORUS

Change our hearts this time
Your word says it can be,
Change our minds this time
Your life could make us free.
We are the people, Your call set apart,
Lord, this time change our hearts.

Verse 1

Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams.
One foot in paradise, one in the waste

Drawn by your promises,
Still we are lured
By the shadows and the chains we leave behind, But

Chorus

Change our hearts this time
Your word says it can be.
Change our minds this time,
Your life could make us free.
We are the people, Your call set apart
Lord, this time change our hearts.

Verse 2

Show us the way that leads to your side,
Over the mountains and sands of the soul.
Be for us manna, water from the stone,
Light which says we never walk alone, And,

Chorus

Change our hearts this time
Your word says it can be.
Change our minds this time
Your life could make us free.
We are the people Your call set apart,
Lord, this time, change our hearts.

Household Prayer:

And so, as Jesus taught us, let us pray.
Our Father who is in us here on earth.
Holy is your name in the hungry
who share their bread and their song.
Your kingdom come which is a generous land
which flows with milk and honey.
Let us do your will standing up
when all are sitting down
and raising our voice when all are silent.
You're giving us our daily bread
in the song of the bird and the miracle of the corn.
Forgive us for keeping silent in the face of injustice
and for burying our dreams,
for not sharing bread and wine,
love and the land, among us, now.
Don't let us fall into the temptation
of shutting the door through fear,
of resigning ourselves to hunger and injustice,
of taking up the same arms as the enemy,
but deliver us from evil.
Give us the perseverance and the solidarity
to look for love,
even if the path has not yet been trodden,
even if we fall.

So we shall have known your kingdom,
which is being built forever and forever.
Amen.

(from "Praying with the World's Poor" – a version of the Lord's Prayer from a base Christian community in Central America)

Welcomers: Doreen and Larry Broome

Counters: Kaillie Rawn, Karen Smillie

Worship Schedule

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
August 17 th	10 th after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson