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Pentecost 8, July 16, 2023

Service colour: Green

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (also on You Tube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (all who are able standing)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (830); Bible Sentence

Hymn: 442 "Speak Lord in the stillness"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God, our Creator, your love is at work in all that you have made. Son of God, by your risen power, we are made new. Holy Spirit, you touch our lives with hope.

Merciful God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are concealed; day by day we fail to grow into your likeness. Continue to sow the seed of love and grace in us so that our lives may be shaped, not by the values and standards of the world, but by the flavour and richness of your word. Grant to us your word of encouragement when we feel overwhelmed and paralyzed by small numbers, opposition and rejection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us." Assurance of Pardon

M.The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

Hallelujah (Hymn 294); The Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Understanding

Lessons: Psalm 119: 105-112; Genesis 25: 19-34 (p.22); Romans 8: 1-11 (p.137); Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (p.12)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn: 511 (Tune: 357) "Lamp of our feet"

Sermon

The Offertory

The Creed (539) & Offertory Prayer (all who are able standing)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 626 "Lord of all power"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go Now in Peace" (all seated) (hymn book – inside back cover)

Postlude

Welcoming Worshipers: Naomi & Lee Walker

Elevator Guide: Marg Bingley

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Reader: Lee Walker

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Worship; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School & Nursery

A Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are in the Mik'kma'ki-the unceded territory and the ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

Mission Moment

After their summer crop failed and they lost their agricultural loan, Moolo and his wife Babbri, who live in Pakistan, were in financial trouble and were going hungry. Given the gravity of their situation, they managed to receive food assistance from PWS&D's partner in their community. The amount received was sufficient to cover some other basic needs and meant that the elderly couple could use their small savings to provide daily medication to their son Chandan, who has epilepsy. With their remaining savings, Moolo hoped to open a small store, but his eyesight was deteriorating. Babbri stepped up and opened the store herself, remarking, "It is because of this aid that we are not under debt, or we would have sold our goats to pay for food. But we are not in debt and still have our goats!"

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Hymn 442

1. Speak, Lord, in the stillness,
speak your word to me;
hushed my heart to listen
in expectancy.

2. Speak, O gracious Master,
in this quiet hour;
let me see your face, Lord,
feel your touch of power.

3. For the words you give me
they are life indeed;
living bread from heaven,
now my spirit feed.

4. Speak, your servant listens,
be not silent, Lord;
let me know your presence;
let your voice be heard.

5. Fill me with the knowledge
of your glorious will;
all your own good pleasure
in my life fulfil.

Hymn 511 (Tune 357)

1. Lamp of our feet whereby we trace
our path when wont to stray,
stream from the fount of heavenly grace,
brook by the traveler's way,

2. bread of our souls whereon we feed,
true manna from on high,
our guide and chart wherein we read
of realms beyond the sky,

3. pillar of fire through watches dark
or radiant cloud by day,
when waves would whelm our tossing bark,
our anchor and our stay,

4. word of the ever living God,
will of God's glorious Son:
without thee how could earth be trod,
or heaven itself be won?

5. Lord, grant that we aright may learn
the wisdom it imparts,
and to its heavenly teaching turn
with simple, childlike hearts.

Hymn 626

1, Lord of all power, I give you my will, in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfill.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

2. Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind, rich truth that surpasses our
knowledge to find. What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard is
taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

3. Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart; I praise and adore you for all you
impart; your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

4. Lord of all being, I give you my all. If e'er I disown you, I stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

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