

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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5th Sunday after Pentecost Date: July 13, 2025 Service colour: Green

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (Book of Praise 830)

Call to Worship: (*standing if able*)

We turn to God with confidence and expectation.

In you, O God, we place our trust.

We ask God to show us the road to follow.

Lead us, O God, in your truth and teach us your way.

We seek hope in the Lord who is our salvation.

All day long we will put our hope in the God who saves us.

We will worship God in faith, hope and trust.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 290 "Immortal, invisible"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Source of all that gives us life, we have turned away from your authority to our own small concerns. Forgive us for our failure to bear one another's burdens, for boasting of anything but your cross, for believing in our own power to justify our lives, and for denying your call to take comfort in you alone. Lead us to the river of life so that in all we do, we may honour your name. Amen.

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

Declaration of forgiveness

A sharing of the Peace of Christ, followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Hymn: 667 "God, you touch the earth" (all seated)

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Amos 7:7-17 (p.809), Responsive Psalm 82, Colossians 1:1-14 (p.176), Luke 10:25-37 (p.62)

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

Sermon: based on Amos 7:7-17

Hymn: 692 (tune 138) "Where charity & love"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Announcing The Offering of our gifts; gifts will be brought forward following The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (stand if able)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer (Response: God of

every life, **Hear our prayer**) Hymn: 717 "We cannot own" Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go now in peace" (all seated) (hymn book – inside back cover) ©1988 Harold Flammer Music (Admin. by Hal Leonard LLC) (Admin. by Tom Cat Music) Used by

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Marg Bingley Elevator: Gordon Ross

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Dave Campbell Reader: Debbie Pegg

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Mission Moment

After contracting polio when she was young, Akelwela Adanladi was left with physical disabilities. As subsistence farmers, her parents could not afford to send her to school. Her life changed at 30 when she was identified by the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program of the Presbyterian Church in Ghana. Through the CBR program, she obtained a cloth weaving apprenticeship and access to start-up capital for her business. Now a trainer, Akelwela empowers young people through skills training. "I am able to generate enough money to meet my needs and I am so grateful to the CBR program for coming to my aid. Today, I have a beautiful life."

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.

Hymn 290

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes; most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither, and perish; but naught changeth thee.
- 4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: oh help us to see 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Hymn 667

- 1. God, you touch the earth with beauty; make my heart anew; with your Spirit recreate me, pure and strong and true.
- 2. Like your springs and running waters, make me crystal pure; like your rocks of towering grandeur, make me strong and sure.
- 3. Like your dancing waves in sunlight, make me glad and free; like the straightness of the pine trees, upright let me be.
- 4. Like the arching of the heavens, lift my thoughts above; turn my dreams to noble action, ministries of love.
- 5. God, you touch the earth with beauty, make my heart anew; keep me ever by your Spirit pure and strong and true. Contributors: Mary S. Edgar; text: ©1990, Sacred Music Press Used by permission One License A-740820

Hymn 692 (Tune 138)

- 1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found, brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
- 2. With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.
- 3. Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess; and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
- 4. Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease; be God's the glory that we seek; be ours God's holy peace.
- 5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son; as members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.
- 6. No race nor creed can love exclude, if honoured by God's name; our family embraces all whose Father is the same.

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Hymn 717

- 1. We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers growing, for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing. With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation, that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.
- 2. When bodies shiver in the night, and, weary, wait for morning, when children have no bread but tears, and war horns sound their warning. God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labour; that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbour.
- 3. God calls humanity to join as partners in creating a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating. That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavour, that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever. *text: Ruth Duck ©1992, GIA Publications, Inc.*

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