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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Date: July 19, 2026

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*)

M: We come into God's presence now, in the grace of the presence of one another.

C: Come Holy Spirit!

M: Here, the eternal God of us all is near at hand, ready to receive, illuminate, and bless all of us.

C: Let us worship God!

Hymn: 313 *Oh Worship the King*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

We confess, Lord, that we do not always do your will; we often do not stop to consider your desire, your plan when we act. We prefer our own advantage to your purposes, and in our crowded, noisy lives we leave little room for you. Forgive us, gracious God. Help us to make plenty of space and time for you in our daily lives, so that we may live always in close contact with you, and live lives that honour and glorify you alone. For our brokenness, our denial of your way, and for the sins we know to be personally our own, God, forgive us. Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

Even as we make our confession, dear God, we know that you hear us with tender forgiveness and a deep desire to draw us close to you. We thank you for this love, Creator, a love which sustains and

renews us, and makes us your own dear children, forever. Amen.

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

Declaration of forgiveness

M. May the Peace of Christ be upon you. **C. And also on you.**

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

Announcements

Hymn: 726 *May the God of hope* –sung twice (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (reader only)

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lessons: Genesis 28:10-19a (p. 23), Responsive Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (p. 12)

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: "God's Dream, Our Dream"

Hymn: 654 *O God of Bethel*

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(*debts, debtors*)

Hymn: 736 (*tune 146*) *For the healing of the nations*

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: “Go now in peace” (*all seated*) (hymn book – inside back cover)

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshipers: Ann Campbell

Elevator: Heather Barkhouse

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron **Placing the Bible:** June Stone

Reader: Donna Lee Laveck

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Today: We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Rob Fennell to lead our worship. Dr. Fennell is a Professor at Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, and prior to serving at AST, he served as a minister in The United Church of Canada.

Lemonade will be served in the lobby after the service.

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.