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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Date: July 26, 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: Give thanks to God and call on God's holy name.

C: We will tell of God's wonderful works!

M: Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

C: We will sing God's praises!

M: Give glory to God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

All: We will remember God's mercy in all our words and actions.

Hymn: 436 *God, we praise you*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God, We confess we are not always merciful people.

We turn away in anger rather than seeking peace and solutions.

We criticize those who differ from us, rather than seeking understanding. We hold grudges and hurt for a lifetime, rather than forgiving as you have forgiven us. In your mercy, give us peace, amend who we are and direct who we shall be.

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: 373 *Jesus loves me* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Sovereign and gracious God, apart from your Spirit we cannot rightly know your truth. In a world filled with confusion and competing voices, open our minds and hearts to receive your holy Word. By the illumination of your Holy Spirit, lead us into the riches of your grace revealed in the Scriptures, that we may know Jesus Christ more fully, trust him more faithfully, and follow him more obediently. Through Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

Lessons: 1 Kings 3:5-12 (p. 283), Responsive Psalm 119:1-8, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (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 "Individual commitments, communal growth & the final phase"

Hymn: 585 (tune 497) *Christ, you call us*

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: 461 *Be thou my vision*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Nancy Heighton **Elevator:** Gordon Ross

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Reader: E. Margaret MacDonald

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week:

Wed: FOOD ministry

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

Conflict can continue to destabilize lives, even after the fighting ends. After the Tigray peace agreement in Ethiopia, communities felt relief from violence, but many families still struggle. The two-year conflict caused food shortages. Ato, a farmer, lost all his household assets in the war, and his family ate once daily. Things changed when Ato's family participated in an agriculture and livelihoods program where he received training, seeds, goats and hand tools. Equipped with new knowledge and supplies, Ato was able to resume his work. Now he is growing healthy food for his household. The family's two goats had four kids, one of which the family sold to cover financial gaps. This program was supported by PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, in collaboration with Tearfund.