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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026 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. God's Word is a lamp to our feet;

C. and a light to our path.

M. God's Word is made visible in Christ;

C. in him we are rooted in truth.

M. God's Word is revealed through the Holy Spirit;

C. and lived out in faithful service.

M. Come and listen for God's Word in this time of worship.

C. We wait to receive the Word of Life.

Hymn: 466 *Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison) Faithful God, you have planted the seeds of faith in us, but we confess we have too often not trusted you. We fail to keep studying the wisdom of your word, satisfied instead with what we think is true. We consider that we already know enough, rather than pursuing deeper encounters with you. Forgive us, God, when we think you have nothing more to offer us.

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: 339 *Who made the earth and the heaven* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination: Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, so that we may see clearly the way to follow you and have the courage to live by your truth revealed in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lessons: Isaiah 55:10–13 (p. 645); Responsive Psalm 65: 1-13;

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.**

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: "Setting the Soil" (based on Matthew reading)

Hymn: 705 *God, who made the earth*

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: 775 *Sent forth by your blessing*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshipers: Lee & Naomi Walker

Elevator: Heather Barkhouse

Conducting the Service: Mary Pyche **Pianist:** Cheryl Weeks

Placing the Bible: Bill Langley **Reader:** Josh Roy

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Sunday, July 19, 10:30 a.m. Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Rob Fennell,
Atlantic School of Theology

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

Thanks to a grant made possible through gifts to Presbyterians
Sharing, Zion Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown, PEI has now
added a modern elevator to their 113-year-old historic building. This
new addition provides those with physical challenges access to the
Doreen Gray Youth Centre and Sunday School classrooms located on
the second floor. Additionally, the lower level of the building, where
many meetings and dinners take place, is now accessible to the many
seniors who have until now missed out on congregational events
because they could not navigate the stairs. This welcome upgrade has
revitalized Zion Church's social, educational, and community
programs, ensuring all members can engage more fully.