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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Date: August 16, 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: Let the nations be glad and sing with joy,

C: For God guides us all with justice and equity.

M: Let the people praise God, for how we have been blessed;

All: Come let us worship and offer all honour and praise.

Hymn: 65 *All people that on earth do dwell*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Holy and sovereign God, you are righteous in all your ways and steadfast in your covenant love. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. You call us to trust you, yet we are ruled by fear. You call us to faithful obedience, yet we choose comfort. You call us to seek justice and speak truth, yet we remain silent. You command us to love our neighbours, yet selfishness and unkindness shape our lives. Merciful God, we have no righteousness of our own. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us and reconciled us to you. By your Holy Spirit, renew our hearts, strengthen our faith, and lead us in grateful obedience, that our lives may reflect your grace and glorify your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: 571 *Lord, I want to be a Christian* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

God of grace, as we gather to hear your Word, silence any thoughts that distract us. Open our hearts to receive the challenge and the comfort you offer in the name of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Lessons: Isaiah 56: 1-8 (p. 645); Responsive Psalm 67; Matthew 15: 21-28 (p. 15)

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: “Perseverance”

Hymn: 690 *Fight the good fight*

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: 651 *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

Postlude

Welcoming Worshipers: Mary Pyche

Elevator: Heather Barkhouse

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Reader: Darlene Cossaboom

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Today: Lemonade will be served in the lobby after the service.

Our minister will be on vacation from August 17 to August 31. If you have an emergency or require pastoral care, please contact Cheryl Weeks.

Sunday, August 23: The Rev. Whitney Canning will conduct the service.

Sunday, August 30: Norna Hugasdottir, a candidate for the Ministry of Word & Sacraments, will conduct the service.

** Friendly reminder to Hope Cottage participants: please pick up pots or containers left on the kitchen counter at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

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.