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This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase, Treaty 13 of 1805, and the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today, our community is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We gather by these territorial lands and waters to worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Pentecost 3 JUNE 18, 2023

PRELUDE and WELCOME

PRAYER *Attributed to Chief Seattle, Leader of the Suquamish and Duwamish Native American tribes.*

Great Spirit of Light,

come to us out of the East (red) with the power of the rising sun.

Let there be light in our words,

let there be light on our path that we walk.

Let us remember always that you give the gift of a new day.

And never let us be burdened with sorrow by not starting over again.

Great Spirit of Love, come to us with the power of the North (white).

Make us courageous when the cold wind falls upon us.

Give us strength and endurance for everything that is harsh,
everything that hurts, everything that makes us squint.

Let us move through life ready to take what comes from the north.

Great Life-Giving Spirit, we face the West (black), the direction of sundown.

Let us remember every day that the moment will come
when our sun will go down.

Never let us forget that we must fade into you.

**Give us a beautiful colour, give us a great sky for setting,
so that when it is our time to meet you, we can come with glory.**

Great Spirit of Creation, send us the warm
and soothing winds from the South (yellow).

Comfort us and caress us when we are tired and cold.

Unfold us like the gentle breezes that unfold the leaves on the trees.

**As you give to all the earth your warm, moving wind,
give to us, so that we may grow close to you in warmth.**

Man did not create the web of life, he is but a strand in it.

Whatever man does to the web, he does to himself.

HYMN ELW # 883 ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice!**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto.
Praise, laud and bless his name always.
For it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav,n and earth adore
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory ever more.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

GENESIS 18:1-15 [21:1-7]

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid.

He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ROMANS 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HYMN ELW # 174 CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

MATTHEW 9:35—10:23

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers

deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN ELW # 576 WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call.

Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

**A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.**

We all are called for service to witness in God’s name.

**Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same;
to touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.**

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming word.

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil.

God, in your mercy.....**hear our prayer.**

For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labour on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ravaged by fire and flood, and all places where pollution and misuse has scarred creation.

God, in your mercy.....**hear our prayer.**

For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict, racism, and hate. May reconciliation and justice govern our relations with our indigenous siblings and the LGBTQ2+ communities. Continue to bless reconciling efforts in Ukraine, Russia, and Sudan.

God, in your mercy.....**hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for supportive treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal and comfort those in recovery. We pray for the 15 people who died in the tragic motor vehicle accident near Carberry Manitoba. May God receive them with strong and loving arms. And for the injured who remain in hospital.

May their families and loved ones feel God's comforting presence in these days of shock, grief, and mourning. We pray that community of Dauphin would know God's loving care. For all who seek comfort and care.....all we name in our hearts this day.....

Pause

God, in your mercy.....**hear our prayer.**

For fathers and father figures, we pray. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Bless all who gather in celebration of Father's Day.

God, in your mercy.....**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SINGING INTO PEACE "COME O LORD AND SET US FREE"

Come, O Lord, and set us free. **Come, O Lord, and set us free**

Give your people peace. **Give your people peace.**

Come, O Lord, and set us free. **Come, O Lord, and set us free**

Come, Lord Jesus, come. **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE and OFFERING

MEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper,

For the universe beyond our knowing,

For lands and seas and all their animals,

And for friends and strangers and family,

For homes, and grocery stores and schools.

We praise you for your covenant people,

For Abraham and Sarah, Moses, and Miriam.

For centuries of faithful Christians,

For Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter, and Paul

and all who speak truth to power in our day.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,

Who saves us from sin and from evil,

Who bids us to love our neighbour.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,

and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit,

Your breath, your fire, your wisdom.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,

Inspire us for service.

And renew the world with your mercy,

With your healing, your justice, and your peace.

We praise you, all-holy God, our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer,

Today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.....

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table, come, eat what is good.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY COMMUNION

you are invited to eat your bread and drink your wine as you hear the words

"the body of Christ given for you" "the blood of Christ shed for you"

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ strengthen us and keep us always in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is your dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed +
bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

HYMN ACS # 991 GO TO THE WORLD

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,

Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send.
For I am with you til the age shall end.
When all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE