

# The Season of Pentecost - August

A Gathering\* Worship Resource Service 2025

## Gathering and Praise

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

**Response:** And also with you.

### Acknowledging the Territory

### Gathering Hymn:

VU 268 "Bring many names"

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Whether you are two or ninety-two, there is a place for you!

**God calls us by name, uttered with loving tenderness.**

Your name is precious! You are valued and adored.

**We are named beloved! We are given a purpose.**

Come and worship with joy and thanksgiving.

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### Lighting the Christ Candle and Introit: MV 18 "Lord, prepare me"

### Prayer of the Day (all)

Loving God, Creator and keeper of all life, we praise you this day. In each opening bud, in each blossoming tree, you invite us to discover your presence and to find ourselves as part of all life.

You, our Maker, nourish us with beauty and ancient words of wisdom and call. We are born from you, and in you we live and move and grow as your community of faith.

Deepen our appreciation for your wonder and mystery rooted in our veins as lifeblood, as spirit song, as the ground of our being.

As a child is formed in their mother's womb, we are formed in you, each one of us being made into your body, your church.

May our faith and witness be a blessing to you and to your world. Amen.

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### Story Time or A Question for Today based on today's scripture

### Hymn:

VU 570 "Jesus' hands were kind hands"

### Receiving God's Word

#### Prayer of Illumination: inspired by Psalm 71

Be to us a rock of refuge, O God. Ground us in your word and root us in your love so we may live as disciples of the Way of Jesus every day. Amen.

### Scripture Readings: Psalm 71:1-6

Herein is Good News.

**Praise be to God.**

**Sermon**

### **Responding to God's Word**

**Hymn:**

MV 161 "I have called you by your name"

**Gift of Music**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** (sung VU 960)

**Offering** (*sung response*) VU 540 "Grant us, God, the grace"

**Hymn:**

VU 892 "Who comes from God"

**Commissioning and Benediction** VU 964 "Go now in peace"

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**Thank you**

We extend a warm thank you to Sarah Westbrook (organ/piano), Keri Hugh and members of our own choir for leading music this morning.

We also welcome you and all those joining us for worship this morning

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

August 31st, St. Giles Presbyterian (10 am)

September 7th, Glebe St. James United (10:30 am)

September 14th, Welcome Back Sunday (10:30 am)

LGBTQ2S+ Potluck

Wednesday, September 10th (to be confirmed)

Welcome Back Sunday

Sunday, September 14th (10:30 am)

GSJ Council Meeting – in-person

Wednesday, September 17th

Women's Intergenerational Group

Sunday, September 21st

Labyrinth Open

Sunday, September 21st

Men & Friends Potluck

Wednesday, September 24th

Quilting Retreat

Friday, September 26 – Sunday, September 28th

### Capital Pride Parade

For those walking in the parade, you can enter the staging area between 11:30 and 1 pm. The EOORC staging area code is A62. The colour code is ORANGE. You can also join up with the Glebe-St. James group in Memorial Hall following the service. See Sue Toller.

### Glebe-St. James

#### Photo Directory

Universal Portrait Studios will be onsite to take your photo (free) for inclusion in our new Photo Directory, October 7-9th.

You may also purchase copies of your photo(s)

Contact Susan Palmai for more info or check out the poster on the bulletin board.

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