** Erindale United Church**

 *embracing, proclaiming and practicing the Gospel*

 \*Please stand if you are able.

 Please join in the responses printed in bold type

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2025**

**♫ Prelude**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Welcome and Life of the Church**

**Lighting of the Christ and Fellowship Candles**

The Christ Candle is a sign to us that Jesus Christ has come into this world as the Eternal Light. The Fellowship Candles remind us that Jesus’ people are the people of Light in this world. As we light the Christ Candle, let us hear the voice of Jesus say, “I am the Light of the World.” And, as we light the Fellowship Candles, let us also hear the voice of Jesus say, “You are the light of the world.”

**\*Call to Worship**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Turn to God with confidence and expectation.

**In you, O God, we place our trust.**

Ask God to show us the road to follow.

**Lead us, O God, in your truth and teach us your way.**

Seek hope in the Lord who is our salvation.

**All day long we will put our hope in the God who saves us.**

**We will worship God in faith, hope and trust.**

**♫ \*Opening Hymn:** “Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”

 VU288

**\*Opening Prayer of Praise and Confession**

**God of all beginnings,**

**we come today with praise on our lips and in our hearts.**

**We stand in awe of all you have created:**

**the vast expanse of a starry night and the tiny beauty of a raindrop together reflect your glory.**

**You have blessed creation with life and meaning.**

**We praise you, O God, for your love moving in the world around us, lived out in Jesus and by the Spirit at work in us.**

**All praise and glory belong to you, Source, Saviour, and Spirit of Love, one God, now and always.**

God of loving kindness,

Jesus called us to love you above all else,

and our neighbour as ourselves.

**Yet we often fail to act in loving ways.**

**We are distracted by our own needs,**

**and forgetful of the needs of others.**

We let differences divide us

and excuse ourselves from reaching out.

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Create in us new hearts so we can live and love faithfully.**

**In Jesus’ name we pray, amen!**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Beloved in the Lord, this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned...”* (John 3:16-18).To all who turn to the Lord then, he says, ‘your sins are forgiven.’ He also says, ‘Follow me.’

**Thanks be to God!**

 **The Lord’s Prayer**

*As followers of Christ, we pray as we’ve been taught, saying, “Our Father…”*

**Prayer for Illumination**

O God, our trustworthy teacher of truth, by your Spirit, reveal your will for us in the reading of your Word. Stir in our hearts and minds, and strengthen us to respond in faithfulness for the sake of Christ, your Living Word, in whose glorious and powerful name we pray, amen.

**Scripture**

Amos 7:7-17

Luke 10:25-37

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**  Rev. Nicholas Forrester

**♫ \*Hymn:** “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour” VU665

**Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Supplication**

God of abundant growth,

as summer unfolds around us, we give you thanks for warm sunny days,

for beauty in our gardens,

crops growing in our fields,

life swimming in oceans and lakes.

**Where the abundance of nature is at risk,**

**we pray that your Spirit will work in and through us**

**to restore the air, water and soil for the good of all creation.**

**God of every life, hear our prayer.**

God of peace and reconciliation,

we thank you for the peace and freedom we enjoy

and the many ways our lives are protected in this land.

We remember before you those places torn apart by violence and hatred,

those people who face discrimination daily,

and anyone who feels unsafe this day or any day.

**Inspire leaders in every country to lead with wisdom and mercy.**

**Guide them in your ways of peace and justice.**

**God of every life, hear our prayer.**

God of creativity and community,

we thank you for the many ways the Church can serve you in Jesus’ name.

Thank you for the unique voices that sing your praise and speak your comfort, all the hands that share in acts of service,

all the prayers offered quietly for your will to be done.

We pray for the Church and its many congregations

as we seek to be faithful.

**Help us work together so that our unity bears witness**

**to the possibilities for unity among diverse peoples everywhere.**

**In Jesus’ name we pray, amen!**

**Offering Invitation**

**♫ \*Offertory Hymn:** “Grant Us, God, the Grace” VU540 **Grant us, God, the grace of giving,**

**With a spirit large and free,**

**That ourselves and all our living**

**We may offer faithfully.**

**\*Dedication of Our Offering**

**♫ \*Hymn:** “O Christian, Love” VU594

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 15:5-6). As you go, may God go with you, my friends. Amen!

**♫ Postlude**

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**Scripture**

**Old Testament Reading: Amos 7:7-17 (NIV)**

**7**This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. **8**And the Lord asked me, “What do you see, Amos?” “A plumb line,” I replied. Then the Lord said, “Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. **9**“The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.” **10**Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam, king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. **11**For this is what Amos is saying: “‘Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile,     away from their native land.’” **12**Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. **13**Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.” **14**Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. **15**But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ **16**Now then, hear the word of the Lord. You say, “‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop preaching against the descendants of Isaac.’ **17**“Therefore, this is what the Lord says: “‘Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword. Your land will be measured and divided up, and you yourself will die in a pagan country. And Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.’”

**Gospel Reading:** **Luke 10:25‒37 (NIV)**

**25**On one occasion, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” **26**“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” **27**He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’” **28**“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” **29**But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?”

**30**In reply, Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. **31**A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. **32**So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33**But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. **34**He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35**The next day, he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ **36**“Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” **37**The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

**Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet**

1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,

Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,

Praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest,

Praise the Lord in the city square,

Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,

Praise the Lord in the dark of night,

Praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,

Praise the Lord on the highest hill,

Praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

2. Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,

Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,

Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,

Praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,

Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,

Praise the Lord in the time of joy,

Praise the Lord every moment, nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,

Praise the Lord in your work or play,

Praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

*Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet, Natalie Sleeth*

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**Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour**

1. Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,

Hear my humble cry;

While on others thou art calling,

Do not pass me by.

**Refrain:**

*Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry;*

*While on others thou art calling,*

*Do not pass me by.*

2. Let me at thy throne of mercy

Find a sweet relief,

Kneeling there in deep contrition;

Help my unbelief.

**Refrain**

3. Trusting only in thy merit,

Would I seek thy face;

Heal my wounded, broken spirit,

Save me by thy grace.

**Refrain**

4. Thou the spring of all my comfort,

More than life to me,

Whom have I on earth beside thee?

Whom in heaven but thee?

**Refrain**

**O Christian, Love**

1. O Christian, love your sister and your brother!

Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;

To worship rightly is to love each other,

Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

2. Follow with reverent steps the great example:

Jesus whose holy work was doing good;

So shall the wide earth seem a hallowed temple,

Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

3. Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangour

Of wild war-music o’er the earth shall cease;

Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,

And in its ashes plant the tree of peace.