** Erindale United Church**

 *embracing, proclaiming and practicing the Gospel*

 \*Please stand if you are able.

 Please join in the responses printed in bold type

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2025**

**♫ Prelude**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Welcome and Life of the Church**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**\*Call to Worship**

Let us approach the place where the Most High rests!

 **Let us worship at God’s footstool!**

Arise, O Lord, and enter your resting place!

 **Let your faithful people shout for joy!**

**♫ \*Opening Hymn:** “Morning has Broken”  VU409

**Opening Prayer**

**Gracious God, we do praise you for this morning,**

**and we recognize the many possibilities in it.**

**Rain or Sun, both are your gifts,**

**all we ask is that you walk among us,**

**whether the day be full of light or cloud.**

**And, may we find hearts to praise you**

**in every new morning, and every day;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

 **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gracious God, assist us now to listen for your Word**

**for it is near to us in scripture, and in hearing it we find inspiration and purpose, healing and resilience;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

**Scripture**

Psalm 132 VU854

Mark 6:31-44

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

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Message**  “Miraculous” Rev. Neil Young

**♫ \*Hymn:** “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” VU357

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**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: “**Before You Now, O God” VU511

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

May the Lord dwell with us!

 **May we be God’s delight!**

Let all faithful people arise and sing!

 **Let this be the place where God’s name will dwell!**

**♫ Postlude**

**Scripture**

**Psalm 132**

**Sung Refrain (R): Arise, O God, make this the place wherein your name shall dwell.**

O God, remember David and all the hardships he endured,

 **how he swore an oath to you,**

 **a promise to the Mighty One of Jacob.**

“I will not enter my house, nor will I climb into my bed,

I will not give sleep to my eyes, not even let my eyelids droop

 **until I find a place for God,**

 **a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.” R**

At Ephrathah we heard God’s ark was there;

we found it in the region of Jaar.

 **“Let us approach the place where the Most High rests,**

 **let us kneel in worship at God’s footstool.”**

Arise, O God, and enter your resting-place,

you and your mighty ark.

 **Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;**

 **let your faithful people shout for joy. R**

For your servant David’s sake, do not reject your Anointed.

 **You made a sure promise to David,**

 **a promise that will never be revoked:**

“One of your own children I will set upon your throne.

 **And if they in turn keep my covenant,**

 **the teaching that I give them,**

 **their descendants too shall sit on your throne**

 **in succession for ever.” R**

God has chosen Zion, God desired it for a home:

 **“Here I will rest for ever;**

 **here I will dwell, for it is my delight. R**

I will bless the city with abundant food,

and satisfy its poor with bread.

 **I will clothe its priests with salvation;**

 **its faithful people will rejoice and sing.**

There I will make a branch sprout for David;

I will prepare a lamp for my Anointed.

 **His enemies I will clothe with shame,**

 **but on his head the crown will sparkle.” R**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 6:31-44**

**31**He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. **32**And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. **33**Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. **34**As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. **35**When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; **36**send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” **37**But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” **38**And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” **39**Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass.

**40**So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. **41**Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. **42**And all ate and were filled, **43**and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. **44**Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

**Morning Has Broken**

1. Morning has broken like the first morning,

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,

Like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

Sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

3. Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning

Born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God’s recreation of the new day!

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**Tell Me the Stories of Jesus**

1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,

Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:

Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,

Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

2. First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,

And I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;

Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,

All in the love-light of Jesus’ face.

3. Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea

Tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!

And how the Master, ready and kind,

Chided the billows and hushed the wind.

4. Into the city I’d follow the children’s band,

Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;

One of his heralds, yes, I would sing

Loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!

5. Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain;

And of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.

Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be

Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

**Before You Now, O God**

1. Before you now, O God, your servants stand

In answer to your call and Christ’s command

To take the gospel with them everywhere,

Till all creation knows your endless care.

2. With diligence and love they shall proclaim

Your living Word that breaks away our chains.

With reverence and with joy they’ll bless and give

The holy sacraments by which we live.

3. God, who are we that you still choose and bless,

Guide, lead, and feed us through all wilderness?

Give them the strength to rise from every fall.

Confirm with burning hearts this answered call.

4. Arise, O God, in power and in might.

Lift up your countenance and give us light!

Your saints shall sing with joy what they profess.

Now clothe each one, O God, with righteousness.

*Before You Now, O God, Sylvia Dunstan*

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