** Erindale United Church**

 *embracing, proclaiming and practicing the Gospel*

 \*Please stand if you are able.

 Please join in the responses printed in bold type

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 27, 2025**

**♫ Prelude**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Welcome and Life of the Church**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**\*Call to Worship**

Let each of us offer a promise of our own!

 **A promise to the Mighty One of Jacob!**

That we will find a place in our lives for the Lord our God!

 **A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob!**

**♫ \*Opening Hymn:** “Jesus Loves Me”  VU365

**Opening Prayer**

**Gracious God, we know that your love is solid,**

**and that you are present among us in Jesus Christ:**

**the Bible tells us so.**

**We hear your call, and respond with worship and prayer,**

**as did your disciples so long ago.**

**Give us light, we pray, and love, and walk with us**

**so that we may be enabled to give these gifts to others;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

 **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gracious God, we will hear the same scripture as last Sunday.**

**We say that the Bible is so full of meaning,**

**let today be a good day to experience that great truth;**

**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**  “Practical” Rev. Neil Young

**♫ \*Hymn:** “For the Crowd of Thousands” VU355

**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:** “Healer of Our Every Ill” VU619

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

God’s promises are sure, and will never fade away!

 **May we, in turn, keep the teaching we have been given!**

May the Lord bless our city and its people!

 **May God guide us to always consider its poor!**

**♫ 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.

**Jesus Loves Me**

1. Jesus loves me, this I know,

For the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to him belong,

In his love we shall be strong.

**Refrain:**

*Yes, Jesus loves me!*

*Yes, Jesus loves me!*

*Yes, Jesus loves me!*

*The Bible tells me so.*

2. Jesus loves me, this I know,

As he loved so long ago,

Taking children on his knee,

Saying, “Let them come to me.”

**Refrain**

3. Jesus loves me still today,

Walking with me on my way,

Wanting as a friend to give

Light and love to all who live.

**Refrain**

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**For the Crowd of Thousands**

1. For the crowd of thousands

Sitting on the ground,

Seven is sufficient,

Seven will go round.

2. Seven is sufficient,

Fish and loaves of bread;

Jesus, for our hunger,

Gives us life instead.

3. Jesus makes his offer:

Fish and bread as food.

Make us truly thankful,

Make our living good.

4. If we give to Jesus

Bread to bless and break,

Five and two will feed us

Seven days a week.

5. What we give to Jesus,

And with others share,

Will at last be gathered:

Over and to spare!

*For the Crowd of Thousands, Fred Kaan*

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**Healer of Our Every Ill**

**Refrain:**

*Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,*

*Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

1. You who know our fears and sadness,

Grace us with your peace and gladness.

Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

**Refrain**

2. In the pain and joy beholding,

How your grace is still unfolding.

Give us all your vision, God of love.

**Refrain**

3. Give us strength to love each other,

Every sister, every brother.

Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

**Refrain**

4. You who know each thought and feeling,

Teach us all your way of healing.

Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

**Refrain**

*Healer of Our Every Ill, Marty Haugen*

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