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Land Acknowledgement:

Call to Worship:

Like the peoples long ago, we are journeying together.

Our lives unfold, not all at once but piece by piece, bit by bit

Sometimes we feel things are moving to slowly.

Sometimes we may feel that we are being called to take enormous leaps in faith.

On all days of our journeys, we can know that God is with us!

We are not alone!

Thanks be to God!

Lighting The Christ Candle:

Opening Prayer:

Hymn (VU) #245

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Kids' Time

Minute For Mission

Mission and Service Story: Leaders in the Making

Camp Kee-Mo-Kee's senior summer staff are blossoming in their leadership with a dedicated support member. Here is the Mission and Service Story for September 6, 2026.

At Camp Kee-Mo-Kee in Komoka, ON, our Mission and Service gifts help to strengthen something at the heart of every summer camp experience: the

people who make camp possible. By supporting an experienced senior staff role, our gifts help equip emerging leaders, support campers, and strengthen the entire camp community.

Many of Camp Kee-Mo-Kee's senior summer staff are still growing into leadership. They are capable and committed, but leadership takes experience, and that experience grows through mentorship and support. This summer, our gifts through Mission and Service helped fill the gap by funding a senior staff position dedicated to supporting the summer team.

The person who stepped into the role brought years of experience as a former Camp Director, along with strong relationships throughout the Camp Kee-Mo-Kee community. Her role was intentionally flexible. She mentored and coached newer senior staff, provided hands-on training, and stepped in wherever she was needed.

Whether that meant covering a staff break, helping in the kitchen so another staff member could remain focused on camper care, or supporting a camper through a difficult moment she was ready to step in. Her presence created a steady source of encouragement, experience, and connection across camp.

"I've been able to support all over camp and take on the other small or behind-the-scenes tasks to support staff success, which then carries on to support camper success," she shared. "Being able to be out and around, building connections across camp, and always on the move to jump in where needed has made for a tremendous summer experience."

The impact reached beyond funding that single position. Senior staff had an experienced mentor to turn to, which strengthened staff preparedness and helped build a stronger leadership team. The campers benefited from having confident, supported leaders who could be fully present for them.

This is the ripple effect of our Mission and Service gifts. When we invest in people, that investment reaches entire communities.

At Camp Kee-Mo-Kee, this has not only supported staff and campers for one summer. It's created a model of mentorship that can continue developing strong camp leaders for years to come.

Our gifts through Mission and Service help strengthen communities by creating places where children and youth can belong, grow, build meaningful relationships, and experience God's love. Let's give generously so camps like Camp Kee-Mo-Kee can continue nurturing leaders, supporting campers, and creating meaningful experiences for generations to come.

Mission Prayer: from Song of Faith:

God is creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in God. Our first response to God's providence is gratitude. We sing thanksgiving. Amen

Prayer Of Reconciliation:

Loving God,

We confess that we have sometimes tried to live by controlling others. Open our hearts, O God

and set us free.

In doing so, we have put our faith not in you, but in ourselves. Open our hearts, O God

and set us free.

We confess that we are sometimes more given to building walls to keep some people out, and keep others in, than we are to sharing with everyone the good news of your love. Open our hearts, O God

and set us free.

We are sorry for the suffering that we have caused by shutting out the cries of your people. Forgive us. Open our hearts, O God.

and set us free. Amen

Words Of Freedom #78 Trust These Words (Then Let Us Sing)

Trust these words: you are forgiven!

Through Christ's mercy, broken hearts can be restored;

Trust these words: you are forgiven!

Live in peace, beloved, know you are adored;

Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words....

Trust these words: you are forgiven!

Through God's mercy, broken lives can be restored;

Trust these words: we are forgiven!

Live in grace and peace, oh love, and serve the Lord;

Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words...

Trust these words.

Hymn (VU) #402

We Are One

Scripture:

Exodus 12:1-14 (The Message)

God said to Moses and Aaron while still in Egypt, “This month is to be the first month of the year for you. Address the whole community of Israel; tell them that on the tenth of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one lamb to a house. If the family is too small for a lamb, then share it with a close neighbor, depending on the number of persons involved. Be mindful of how much each person will eat. Your lamb must be a healthy male, one year old; you can select it from either the sheep or the goats. Keep it penned until the fourteenth day of this month and then slaughter it—the entire community of Israel will do this—at dusk. Then take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which you will eat it.

You are to eat the meat, roasted in the fire, that night, along with bread, made without yeast, and bitter herbs. Don’t eat any of it raw or boiled in water; make sure it’s roasted—the whole animal, head, legs, and innards. Don’t leave any of it until morning; if there are leftovers, burn them in the fire.

“And here is how you are to eat it: Be fully dressed with your sandals on and your stick in your hand. Eat in a hurry; it’s the Passover to God.

“I will go through the land of Egypt on this night and strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, whether human or animal, and bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am God. The blood will serve as a sign on the houses where you live. When I see the blood I will pass over you—no disaster will touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This will be a memorial day for you; you will celebrate it as a festival to God down through the generations, a fixed festival celebration to be observed always.

Psalms 149 pg 873 VU – Refrain 1 (first 2 stanzas)

♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! ♪

Sing to God a new song!

Give praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in its Maker:

Let the children of Zion exult in their Sovereign!

Let them praise God's name with dancing;

Let them sing God's praise with tambourine and harp!

♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! ♪

For you, O God, take delight in your people;

You crown the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in their glory;

Let them sing for joy as they feast!

♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! ♪

Romans 13:8-14 (The Message)

Don't run up debts, except for the huge debt of love you owe each other. When you love others, you complete what the law has been after all along. The law code—don't sleep with another person's spouse, don't take someone's life, don't take what isn't yours, don't always be wanting what you don't have, and any other "don't" you can think of—finally adds up to this: Love other people as well as you do yourself. You can't go wrong when you love others. When you add up everything in the law code, the sum total is *love*.

But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

Message – My Summer Report:

Hymn (VU) #278

In The Quiet Curve Of Evening

Offering & Dedication (MV) #191 What Can I Do?

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy! I'll say a prayer!

I'll bring my love! I'll do my share!

Prayers Of Our People & The Prayer of Jesus:

Hymn (VU) #644

I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry

Commissioning And Benediction:

Sung Blessing (VU) #958 Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, halle – lu-jah!

Halle, halle, halle – lu-jah-ha-ha-ha!

Halle, halle, halle – lu-jah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!