

Sunday - September 1, 2019 – Labour Day Sunday

12th After Pentecost

11:00 am Sanctuary Service

Prelude *Vocalise* Rachmaninoff
Lighting the Christ Candle
Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement
A Time of Silence: *“Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth” (Psalm 46:10).*
Call to Worship
We pause from our labours to seek holy rest.
We gather to give thanks for opportunities to create, to serve, to live fully as a people of God.
Guide us in ways of faithful living and fruitful commitment.
May our work be acceptable in your sight and may we work always for the unfolding of your Kingdom.
Hymn MV12 *Come Touch Our Hearts* Light/arr. Donaldson
Gathering Prayer
**Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet
where the last may be first,
and the humble and the mighty trade places.
Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity;
let us greet strangers as angels you have sent!
Send your Spirit now
so that we may find a place at your table
and welcome others with radical hospitality.
In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.**
Time with the Children A Pooh Parable Looking Back to Looking Forward
Children’s Song Praise Ye the Lord (Hallelujah) Traditional
Scripture Ezekiel 18:1-4.
Luke 14:1, 7-14 Edeana Malcolm
Response This is part of our story. **Thanks be to God!**
Musical Gift *The Little Shepherd* C. Debussy
Reflection: “Whom Shall We Invite In?” Rev. Larry Scott

Hymn VU460 *All Who Hunger* Tune: Ode To Joy

Offertory
Your gifts may be received during the offertory, during a hymn, or at the conclusion of the service. There are offering baskets at front and rear of sanctuary. Thanks also to those who have given by PAR or other means.

Prayer of Dedication
**Dear God, you have offered us a place at the table
and you have called us to share without expectation of being repaid.
You have called us to make a place for the poor,
the outcast and the oppressed.
So we ask that you bless these resources
so that they might support ministries of compassion and justice
until all of your children have a place at the table. Amen.**

Sacrament of Communion
The Lord of blessings be with you.
The Lord be with you, also.
Be glad and rejoice, God's people, lifting your hearts to the Restorer of lives.
We offer them to the One who clothes us in grace.
People of God, come to the Table where you shall eat and be satisfied.
With shouts of joy, we gather to praise the name of God!
It is indeed right ...
These are the gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Sharing the Meal
Gratitude Prayer (following Communion)
**We have tasted your goodness.
May this meal we have shared here today fill our souls with Love.
May the meal we share with all the world fill the world with Hope.
May we leave this table refreshed and replenished,
ready to be recipients and agents of Grace. Amen.**

Prayers of the People K. Charlton

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Hymn VU481 *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* Westendorf/Welsh Folk Tune
Blessing
Postlude *Finale on 'Kingsfold'* K. Charlton



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Services

9:00 a.m. Communion in the Chapel 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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