

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Offering and Offertory Music:* Sing for free – Rory Gardiner

\**Presentation of Offering and Offertory Hymn:* Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known;  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One**

\* *Offertory Prayer:*<sup>1</sup>

**Bless these gifts, O God, for they are part of your story. These gifts represent our reaching out into the world, to tell the story of loving-kindness. Bless us in our giving, that we may live the story. Amen.**

### **We Depart in Peace**

\**Hymn:* Bless Now O God, the Journey VU 633

*Sending Forth:*<sup>2</sup>

Go now with the guidance and the grace of God.  
Let your life portray God's word in human form.

**We will show by touch and word  
devotion to God, to the earth,  
and to all life that comes to birth. Amen.**

*Departing Music:* Grand Chorus in B flat by Theodore Dubois

**Sunday, 10 am – July 15, 2018  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

\* indicates stand as able

*“Wearing my skin is not a solitary practice but one that brings me into communion with all these other embodied souls. It is what we have in common with one another”*

*- Barbara Brown Taylor*

### **We Gather to Worship God**

*Gathering Music:* Te Decet Hymnus - by John West

\* *Hymn:* Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU 333

*Lighting of Christ Candle:*

Acolyte: Jeff Stoa

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.” (Colossians 3:16)

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\**Call to Gather:*

Lorrie Lowes

Touch us, O God, through the ministry of words and melody,  
**through the sounds and senses of heartbeats,**  
through the wordless wonder which fills our souls with heaven,  
**through the Spirit which teaches our feet to dance and causes our hearts to overflow,**  
that we might be absorbed in the mystery of your presence, and that in this moment of oneness,  
**our lives will be bonded to each other and to you.**

<sup>1</sup> Gord Dunbar, Gathering, Pentecost 1 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Robin Wardlaw, Gathering, Pentecost 1 2018.

*Prayer of Confession:*<sup>3</sup>

LOVE calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself. Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives where we may resist turning to LOVE for healing and change.

*Let us pray:*

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter; **Forgive us.**

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation; **Forgive us.**

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice; **Forgive us.** (Moment of Silent Reflection)

*Assurance of Love:*

God's love is fresh every morning. In Christ, God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.

**Let us give thanks for the God of love,  
and let the peace of Christ dwell in community among us. Amen.**

*Time for the Young at Heart*

\* *Hymn:* This is the Day VU 412

### **We Listen for God's Word**

*Prayer for Illumination (together)* **Your Word, O God, sheds light to our spirit and brings healing to our hearts. Open our hearts and minds in contemplation, in praise, in wonder, in reflection. Amen.**

*The Gospel:* "The Hemorrhaging Woman" Mark 5: 25-34

May the Light of Christ dwell where the Word is spoken.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Ministry of Music:* Like it was yesterday – Rory Gardiner

*Sermon:* "The Practice of Wearing Skin: Incarnation"

\**Hymn:* Like A Healing Stream MV 144

### **We Respond in Faith**

*Prayers of the People:* "Rhythms of the Heart"<sup>4</sup>

One God, One Heart, One Rhythm, touch us this day, O God, as we open our hearts to the rhythm of your presence.

**We have come from many places, from many families, from many activities.**

We pray for our families, our friends, our communities,  
**for those who have made it possible for us to be here, remembering all those whom we care.**

One God, One Heart, One Rhythm, we know that there are many ways in which this world is out of sync with your rhythm of well-being.

**We remember those who are hungry, those who are homeless.**

We pray for those who are sick, grieving, lonely, searching, angry, and *our sisters and brothers lifted up in our Prayer Chalice.*

**We pray for those who live in the midst of violence in their homes and communities.**

We pray for this world; that your rhythm of life might be restored,  
**for land and sea, mountain and prairie, plant, animal and human, remembering our world.**

One God, One Heart, One Rhythm, we each have come to this place for a different reason.

**May we discover the gifts we have as we explore the rhythms of possibility for our lives.**

May we discover your rhythm working in our midst in amazing ways.

**May those offering leadership in our congregation know the rhythm of your energy and joy as they do their work.**

May those bringing gifts of music sing your rhythm of praise.

**May all of us who are gathered here be blessed in the rhythm of being together,** remembering the generations of people who have followed the rhythm of Jesus, we pray together the words he taught in the language of your choice.

<sup>3</sup> Inspired by a prayer written by Rev. Susan A. Blain, and posted on the Worship Ways website.

<sup>4</sup> Gathering, Summer/Autumn 2005, p. 48.