

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:*¹

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:*²

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.

¹ Gord Dunbar, Gathering, Pentecost 1 2018.

² Robin Wardlaw, Gathering, Pentecost 1 2018.

*Prayer of Confession:*³

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"⁴

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.

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

⁴ Gathering, Summer/Autumn 2005, p. 48.