

**Kindred Spirits Worship  
September 14, 2025  
Fourteen Sunday After Pentecost**

**PRELUDE**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND TREATIES**

**One:**

Called to live with respect in Creation  
as Indigenous, Métis, Settler and Newcomer people,  
we acknowledge that the land on which we worship, work, learn and serve,  
and the water which sustains life on this land,  
is of God, Creator,  
and in the farthest reaches of memory  
was entrusted to the original peoples who walked this land,  
and to their descendants.

**One:**

With the coming of colonizers,  
treaties were made,  
but again, and again the colonizers disregarded and broke the treaties,  
causing grave and lasting harm to the historic caregivers of the land,  
to the generations that followed them,  
and to the land itself.

**All:**

**Called to action for Truth and Reconciliation,  
we who gather here on Treaty One territory  
commit ourselves to finding faithful ways  
of honouring the treaties, the land and one another  
in a spirit of openhearted respect.**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING STATEMENT**

Beloved in Christ, we gather this morning as people created in love, called by love, and sent to live for love. Today, we are reminded that God's love is not only for us but for all the world. Love has the power to mend brokenness, restore creation, and weave beauty into the fabric of our lives. Let us invite God's Spirit into our hearts, that we might be transformed by this love and emerge as builders of a kinder, more beautiful world.

### **Let us Pray**

**God of love and life, we thank you for the gift of this new day and for the beauty of creation around us. We hear your call to be a people of love—love that seeks the lost, heals the hurting, and restores the earth. Fill us with your Spirit so that our words, our worship, and our work may be directed by your compassion. As we gather in your name, may your love radiate through us, creating a world of peace, justice, and beauty, in Christ's name. Amen**

**HYMN: VU#266    Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

### **MOMENT TO PONDER**

A child was walking home from school one afternoon and saw a broken, discarded flower pot lying in the trash. It didn't look like much, just dirt and a crack down on the side. But the child brought it home, planted some wildflower seeds, and placed it on the porch. Weeks passed and colorful things bloomed from that broken pot, drawing bees and butterflies. Neighbors walking by began to smile when they saw it.

The world can appear cracked and broken at times, like that flower pot had. But if we choose to plant seeds of love—through kindness, earth care, or mercy for others—something beautiful begins to grow. God's love can cause the broken areas to blossom into gardens of hope.

Where can you plant a seed of love this week?

**HYMN: VU#271 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

**SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28**  
**Luke 15:1-10**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "We Gather at Your Table, Lord"**

**REFLECTION:**

**HYMN: VU#747 The Lord's My Shepherd**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive, let us offer our life and gifts in service of others, let us present our offerings.

**Doxology VU#541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Let us Pray:**

**God of love and abundance, everything that we have and everything that we are is yours. Today we give back to you a part of your gifts, not in obligation, but in thanksgiving and hope. Bless these gifts, so they can be used to restore brokenness, to care for creation, to build a world in which your love is made visible in justice, compassion, and peace. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN: VU#457 As We Gather at Your Table**

### **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation:**

Friends, we are ordinary people gathered to pray and sing, and worship God together. This place is open to all. God's love is available to all. When we gather around this table, we say to young or old, newcomer or regular you are precious, you belong here, you are beloved. This celebration is for you!

Greeting:

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

Creator God,

We are grateful today for blessings big and small.

We celebrate mothers and caregivers, who nurture and support us.

We rejoice in summer—the warmth of the sun, the fullness of gardens, the hum of bees, and the dance of butterflies.

We give thanks for long evenings, cool drinks, the laughter of children, the joy of picnics and gatherings, the fruits of our labor, and moments of well-earned rest.

We welcome this season of abundance and growth, of reflection and renewal.

We treasure your presence, guiding us, challenging us, shaping our life together, and being with us in good times and hard times.

And so it is that we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

O God, we lift our prayers for the world,

Remembering all who struggle with adversity

All who hunger and thirst for justice.

We remember those who do not have enough.

Enough food, enough warmth, enough love!

We remember those whose homes are torn by war and destruction.

We pray for those who are imprisoned, physically and emotionally.

We pray for all who serve the broken hearted. Those who provide food and water, those who offer medicine and care, those who listen to stories of grief.

Today we remember.....

We pray for our community, our friends and family in need. The sick and the lonely, the grieving and the forgotten, the hungry and the alone. Today we particularly remember .....

We pray for all those we name in the silence of our hearts.....

### **Words of Institution**

Throughout his life Jesus shared meals with ordinary people. The displaced and the outcast yes, his friends and disciples, yes, and throughout the span of history, all those who have embraced his calling and endeavoured to follow his way. We remember one such meal he ate with his disciples. He took the bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and passed it to them saying, take this and eat. This bread is the body of life, broken by the world. Eat it in remembrance and in Hope.

After that, he took the cup, poured it and blessed it, and passed it to them saying, "This cup is the sign of the new covenant. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

### **Prayer for the Holy Spirit**

Pour your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, O God,

that we might be transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ.

Dying to our old ways, may we rise to life anew.

Through your presence, may the garden of your Creation flourish and thrive, and the fruits we bear nourish others.

AMEN.

Let us unite in the words of the Jesus prayer:

**LORD'S PRAYER (sung VU# 959)**

**AMEN**

### **THE SHARING:**

May this bread nourish and sustain us in our search for light and life!

**AMEN**

May this cup bless and refresh in our living and our serving!

**AMEN**

**Come, for all is now ready.**

### **Prayer After Communion:**

**God of grace and love, we thank you for feeding us with your bread of life and the cup of love. Empower us to go into the world as carriers of your love, creating beauty, justice, and peace wherever we go. Amen.**

**HYMN: MV#81      Love Us Into Fullness**

### **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

Go now as God's beloved—  
wonderfully and fearfully made  
formed in the hands of the Creator,  
shaped in Christ's love,  
and empowered by the Spirit  
Live in compassion, walk in boldness,  
and love with the redemptive love of Jesus.

And may the blessing of God—  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit—  
be with you and remain with you,  
today and all eternity. Amen

**CHORAL BENEDICTION: MV#22      God of All the World**

**Postlude**