

Strathearn United Church

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Our Living Statement... Strathearn United Church is a loving Christian community living by faith and action, communicating through worship, education, fellowship and outreach, greeting the future with hope.

Minister	Rev. Sandy Ferguson
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Music Director	Kathryn Wood
Musician	Shannon Hiebert
Office Administrator	Rena Spiess
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PRAYER CYCLE OF THE WEEK

Our Family: Lisa McCullough, Mamie McDonald, Kris McCord, Joyce McGilvray, Gladys McGregor

Within Strathearn: Christian Development

Northern Spirit: Greene Grove PC: Niton Junction

World Council of Churches: Cameroon, Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea

We, the congregation of Strathearn United Church, are situated on Treaty 6, traditional lands of the First Nations and the Metis People.

Strathearn United Church welcomes you to our Morning Worship where all are welcome!
7th of August 2022, 9th Sunday after Pentecost

(Guest Musician: Kim Cousineau)

WELCOME & GATHERING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

“A church that does not provoke any crisis, preach a gospel that does not unsettle, proclaim a word of God that does not get under anyone's skin or a word of God that does not touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed: what kind of gospel is that?”

- Archbishop Oscar Romero

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

A collect of the fifth century CE

One: Almighty God, You fill all things with your presence. In your great love, keep us near You this day. Grant that in all our ways and doings we may remember that You see us and may we always have grace to know and perceive what things You would have us do, and give us strength to do the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “This Day God Gives Me” VU410

- 1 This day God gives me strength of high heaven, sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth, flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness, deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.
- 2 This day God sends me strength to sustain me, might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.

Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.

- 3 God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven, drive from me always
all that would harm me, stand by me still.
- 4 Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One, King of
creation, giver of rest, firmly confessing Threeness of
Persons, Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

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A UNITED CHURCH CREED

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe
in God who has created and is creating, who has come
in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make
new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to
celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in
Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice
and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and
risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968, alt.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

*If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God who is
always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not
shown to me. But this was shown: that in falling and
rising again we are always kept in that same precious
love." - Julian of Norwich*

**All: Listen. God is here. Inviting us. To pray. To
be open. To be present. To have faith. That
when we are sorry, God will listen. And touch
us with grace. (Silence)**

One: God have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

One: God have mercy. Thank You.

Let us continue in prayer...

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy
Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread, And forgive us our
trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN: "Im Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" VU575

- 1 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 2 I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

WE SHARE IN GOD'S WORD

CONGREGATIONAL READING: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

One: The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

All: What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord. I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts. I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats.

One: When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more!

All: Bringing offerings is futile. Incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation. I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

One: Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates. They have become a burden to me. I am weary of bearing them.

All: When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you, even though you make many prayers.

One: I will not listen.

All: Your hands are full of blood.

One: Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean.

All: Remove your evil deeds from before my eyes.

One: Cease to do evil.

All: Learn to do good.

One: Seek justice.

All: Rescue the oppressed.

One: Defend the orphan.

All: Plead for the widow.

One: Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord.

All: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool?

One: If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.

All: But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword,

One: For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 12:32-40

One: The Word of God, for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

THE WORD OF GOD ENACTED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, make Your will known to us. And be patient with us. - Adapted from Common Prayer

One: God, You touch our lives with healing and with justice. New life is your gift. We give You thanks for Your Good News, revealed through Your Son Jesus Christ. Good News that invites and challenges us to be living witnesses to Your hope

for a better world. And so in silence we give thanks for those who have been such witnesses in our lives. (Silence) God of compassion, we pray for this troubled world, for people who struggle with sorrows, who struggle with injustice, who struggle with despair, who struggle with uncertainty, who fear the future, who yearn for hope. And God we pray that You be with us, as we do what we can, to be your presence in this world. And God we come to You with the prayers of our hearts. For those who we know who struggle with illness of the mind, body and spirit. For those who are alone, for those who yearn for connection, these names we bring to you. (Silence) Amen.

HYMN: "Guide Me, O Though Great Jehovah" VU651

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

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SENDING FORTH:

One: What does God hope from us? Our willingness to serve God by serving one another. Those who we know. And those we don't know. The world awaits us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**50% OFF
Everything**

Next-to-New Shop: We're open downstairs in the Junior Room each Sunday following worship.

Update from the Board: Here are summer updates:

- ❖ **Safety Protocols:** Masks may be worn at the discretion of each individual. We ask that you please respect those around you. Use safe distancing and hand sanitizer, and please stay home if you are sick.
- ❖ **Connect & Share:** During the summer, please join us for informal gathering in the Memorial Garden following worship. Please bring your own beverage.
- ❖ **Youtube:** Sunday worship will be on our Youtube channel when volunteers are available to record.
- ❖ **Official Board Meetings:** The Board will meet Wednesday, August 10th at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Mission & Outreach Campaigns: Thank you for donations of Summer Essentials for Bissell in July.

Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday: Noon – 4:00 pm

Staff Holidays: Shannon Hiebert: July 17 – August 21
Rena: August 22 – 26

PopUp Sale: Saturday, September 10, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more info check online or call the office.

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