

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



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Second Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Prelude MV 45 *"You Are Holy"* (Hamba nathi)
South African Traditional Song

Welcome

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

We acknowledge the lands that we live upon - and give thanks for all the generations of people who have taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today. May we be open to historical Truths and may we continue to learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better future with all People. Amen.

Spiritual Focus:

"It will require us to examine the habits of our lives in order to discern which of these habits help and which ones hinder us as we seek to grow as a people dedicated to God and each other."

The Rev. Dr. Callie Plunket-Brewton

WE APPROACH GOD

Gathering Call:

Worship the Lord with gladness!
Come into God's presence with singing.
For the Lord God is good.

Ps. 100:2, 5

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Approach:

God of all Power and Peace, as Jesus sent his disciples out to heal the sick, cast out demons, gather the lost, raise the dead, and proclaim the nearness of your realm, make us ready to share the good news we have received; through Jesus. **Amen.**

Gathering Song VU 820 – Psalm 100 *"Make a Joyful Noise"*
(Thanks to Golden Ears United Church, Maple Ridge, B.C. for providing this video)

WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination:

Lord God, by your Spirit teach us to listen to Your voice and keep your covenant so that we may be a priestly kingdom, your holy people, following the footsteps of Jesus. **Amen.**

Scripture: *Exodus 19:2-8a*

They had journeyed...entered the wilderness of Sinai and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. 3 Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: 4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, 6 but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." 7 So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. 8 The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Word of Life *"Where do You Find Hope?"* **Rev. Takouhi**

MV 120 *"My Soul Cries Out"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Invitation to the Offering: Matt. 9:37–38

Jesus said: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, we ask the Lord to send us out as laborers for the harvest. Let us offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

Our Offertory: *Partnering with God to help Miracles be Visible.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication:

Good and holy God, for your steadfast love and faithfulness we give you thanks and bless your name. Let our whole lives become songs of gratitude, joy, and praise so that all the earth may know that we are your people and you are our God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH HOPE

MV 84 *"In You There is a Refuge"*

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer of Jesus

Commissioning & Benediction

MV 212 *"Sent Out in Jesus Name"* (Thanks to Golden Ears United Church, Maple Ridge, B.C. for providing this video)

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