

Order of Service –July 2, 2023  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship leader: Dr. Alex Shawn  
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan & Dr. Alex Shawn



Prelude      *For the Beauty of the Earth*      -arr. J. Sanbor

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing Bank      Hazel M.

Land Acknowledgement

“As we gather together, let us pause to remember that we live, work, and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the nations of Treaty 7. As Christ’s people, may we be people of love, of truth, and of reconciliation. May we live with respect on this land, and in peace and friendship with its people.”

Lighting of the Christ Candle

National Anthem:      *O Canada*      VU 524

Call to Worship:

We open ourselves to the One who gave us life. We bring ourselves before God our Creator:

**Settlers, new immigrants, and First Peoples: pilgrims all.**

We come to pray, sing, and to dance with God’s Spirit.

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Come, followers of Jesus, people of God.

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Let us worship God, who is the centre of our circle, the source of reconciling love.

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We are all called to service in Christ’s name. Amen. \*

Opening Hymn      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*      VU 288

**Opening Prayer:** Creator God, you have blessed us with a land of abundance to live in, a land that provides for us, a land that offers us places of silence and tranquility, a land that is

home. Dear Lord, we honour the First Peoples who have lived in, and cared for, this land, for thousands of years. Help us truly appreciate what we have received in this land as we offer our thanks to you for this abundance. Help us appreciate the diversity of this country and the blessing of all the people who reside here. Thank you for allowing everyone the freedom to worship as we individually choose. Thank you for our places of worship and for the people who worship and give thanks with us. Receive our prayer as we lift our voices to you in praise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.\*\*

Hymn            *Small Things Count*            (A:506) VU 361

Scripture:    **Matthew 10: 40 - 42**

Psalm Reading            *Psalm 112*            VU p.834

Sermon:        **The Smallest Gift of Self**

Solo:            *Hallelujah*            Soloist: Ron Beagle

Dedication of Gifts: Heavenly Father, we dedicate our offerings to you and your service. Please accept these gifts of time, talent, and treasure, with love and gratitude for all your blessings. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn            *O For a World*            VU 697

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude            *This Land Is Your Land*            -W. Guthrie

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## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**July 9:** worship leader is Larry Bilben

**July 16:** worship leader is Angela Wigglesworth; sundae Sunday (join us for ice cream sundaes following the service)

**July 23:** Last Sunday before we close for the remainder of the summer.

**September 10:** Welcome back Sunday!