

Genesis Cooperative
of the United Church of Canada

*Consisting of the congregations of:
Cassburn, Kirk Hill, Trinity (Vankleek Hill)*

Sunday, July 28, 2024
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Worship Leaders Today

Trinity (VKH) Service at Heritage Lodge	09:30 am	Luane Doyle
Cassburn		No Service
Kirk Hill		No Service

*“Surely God is in this place... help me notice”
(attributed to St. Lawrence)*

We Gather to Praise God

Welcome to our worship service today.

We pray you will feel God's presence as we worship together.

*You are invited to join in reading the responses and prayers, printed in **bold**.*

🎵Prelude

Greeting and Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

Minute for Mission

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

🎵Sung Introit: “*The Church is Wherever God’s People*” VU 579

***The church is wherever God’s people are praying,
Singing God’s goodness for joy on this day.***

***The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
Remember his story and walk in his way.***

***The church is wherever God’s people are helping,
Caring for neighbours in sickness and need.***

***The church is wherever God’s people are sharing
The words of the Bible in gift and in deed.***

The Call to Worship;

How shall we come to worship today? Shall we come in our Sunday best with our manners in tow? Shall we come all buttoned up and tight-lipped with the “truth”? Shall we come with our game-face on, primed to put on a great show? Shall we come prim and pressed with no hair out of place?

We come as we are. We come searching for an authentic and genuine relationship with God.

Let's worship God together!

The Opening Prayer:

Holy One, as we gather for worship this day, may we come united in your love. May we seek wholeness in your Spirit. May we find peace in your presences. May we absorb the kindness found in our neighbours. May we come ready.

♪Hymn: “All The Way My Saviour Leads Me” VU 635

The Prayer of Confession:

O God, sometimes we don't even bother to offer what we have to you. We believe it to be too small as we look at what is before us. We would rather send away those who gather in hope and deny even our own neediness. Do not leave us alone, Jesus Christ. Remind us again of hopes that lie beyond our sight. O God, our faith runs low as we confront testing experiences in our lives. We look at life with all the limits of our humanness and refuse to believe that your power is greater than our own and your solutions more creative than we can see ahead of us. Do not leave us alone, Jesus Christ. Remind us again of hopes that lie beyond our sight. If we refuse to listen to the faith of others and their stories of your kindness: Do not leave us alone, Jesus Christ. Remind us again of hopes that lie beyond our sight. We pray in your name this day. **AMEN!**

The Words of Affirmation:

Receive the assurance of pardon. God is greater and more gracious than anything we can conceive. The baskets of hospitality within the goodness of God overflow with plenty and generosity. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

♪Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” VU 262

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Lessons:

2 Samuel 11: 1–15 David and Bathsheba.

Psalm 14 VU 735 Fools say, "There is no God."

Ephesians 3: 14–21 God's power accomplishes more than we can ask for or imagine.

John 6: 1–21 Jesus feeds the multitude and walks on water.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Message:

🎵 Hymn:

"Come To My Heart"

VU 661

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation

Like Jesus' disciples, sometimes when we are asked to share, we look at what we have and fear it won't be enough. Like passing loaves and fishes, when we trust in God, we find that generosity is not transactional - God's abundance doesn't fit into a ledger. Instead, when we share our financial gifts, we open ourselves up to transformation and to being part of a world transformed. Thank you for the gifts you give today.

🎵 Response:

"Grant Us, God, the Grace"

VU 540

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
With a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living
We may offer faithfully.*

The Prayer of Dedication:

Holy God, we offer ourselves with our gifts, knowing that you have a purpose for us and for them. Expand our limited vision to see new possibilities and trust that you will take our generosity to transform lives. May all we offer reach beyond our ideas and be of service to your kingdom of love. **AMEN.**

The Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven ... *(found at VU 960)*

🎵 Hymn: *“Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing”* VU 223

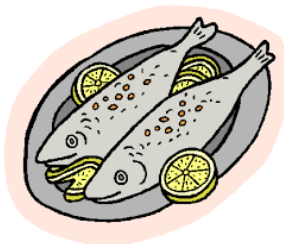
The Closing Words

🎵 Sung Blessing: *“Go Now in Peace”*

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of everyday.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

🎵 Postlude

Our Worship Ends – Our Service Begins



Announcements

✠ *As church, we are called to pray for each other
and for our mission in the world* ✠

The People in Canada who rely more and more on
food banks to feed their families;
The People of Israel and Palestine;
The People of Ukraine;
The People of Sudan;
The People of Algeria;
South Gloucester United, S. Gloucester, ON



Question of the Day:

**Is it possible to want something too much?
And if so, what might be the consequences?**

Ceilidhs will be held at the **Glengarry Celtic Music Hall of Fame** in Williamstown on Tuesdays in July. That is **Tuesday July 2nd, July 9th, July 16th, July 23rd and July 30th**, from **7 to 9 pm**. You are welcome to bring an instrument and participate in the jam session or just come to enjoy Celtic music and have a snack and lemonade.

August 4: The **Kirkin' of the Tartan Service** will be held on **Sunday, August 4th**, at **St. Columba Presbyterian Church**, Kirk Hill starting at **2 pm**. The service is followed by oatcakes and lemonade.

Sunday Smile:

A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come. The Pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying, "Take only one apple please - Remember that God is watching."

On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies you want -- God is watching the apples."

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Many children in Lebanon are at risk of losing their education.

Hamdan wants to become a doctor someday. As the oldest son, this young teenager dreams big amidst the daily struggles that he and his family face.

Hamdan's family came to Lebanon several years ago to escape the war in Syria. They can barely afford their monthly rent, food, household expenses, clothing, and medical needs. While his father works in a produce shop, his mother stays at home to care for the family's four children and two other family members. This family of eight lives on the father's pay and a small income supplement they receive from the UN.

Like Hamdan, many children in Lebanon are at risk of losing their education because an economic crisis—intensified by the COVID pandemic and the devastating 2020 explosion in Beirut—has plunged their families into poverty. When parents can't pay school tuition, children face an unstable future. The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) assists Lebanese students and Syrian refugees ages 8–13 with tuition and fees to secure their education and prevent them from becoming a lost generation.

One thing Hamdan's parents don't have to worry about anymore is his education. With tuition assistance provided by MECC to Hamdan and his siblings, they can continue to study until graduation and gain entrance into a university—giving Hamdan a chance to achieve his dream.

Your support through Mission and Service helps remove barriers for teenagers like Hamdan so they can work toward their dreams. Thank you.