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*If comfortable doing so, you are invited to stand.

The hymns today come from The Celebration Hymnal.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT MEDITATION: "It is God who shapes you. Let the clay be moist, lest you grow hard and lose the imprint of God's fingers." --Irenaeus

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Table of Plenty"

Dan Schutte

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 404 "Faith of Our Fathers"

ST. CATHERINE

Faith of our fathers, living still In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! we will strive To win all nations unto thee,
And through the truth that comes from God, Mankind shall then be truly free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how, By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is a time of opening our attention to the presence and purpose of God.

All: We come seeking what God might do.

One: This is a time of comfort and healing.

All: We come seeking wholeness where we have known brokenness.

One: This is a time of inclusion.

All: We come seeking shelter and inclusion.

One: This is a time of hope.

All: We come seeking transformation.

One: This is a time of worship.

All: We come seeking an encounter with the Spirit of God.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Creating God, we stand in need of the touch of your Spirit. Our feet have wandered away from the path of following Christ. Our lives betray your image, in which you created us. Forgive us and guide us back to you. Mold us ever more into your likeness. Weave us together as your people, that we may walk in newness of life that is ours in Christ Jesus. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

GLORIA PATRI **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

MOMENTS WITH MINNIE

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 sins as we forgive those
who sin 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. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC	“On Eagle’s Wings”	Michael Joncas
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SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 18:1-11

SERMON “An Invitation to the Potter’s House”

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 460 “Let Us Break Bread Together”** **LET US BREAK BREAD**

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;

Refrain: When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees;
Let us drink the cup together on our knees; [Refrain]

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees; [Refrain]

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS “Taste and See”

Bob Hurd

*CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP — DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

We praise you, Loving God, for your loving touch which transforms us. Bless these gifts and the ministries they make possible. We pray that your Spirit might work in us and through us to transform the lives of others, that all your children may find new patterns of faithfulness and new reasons for joy. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Affirmation and Renewal of Faith (Unison)

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 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.

United Church of Canada

Words of Institution

Sharing the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Great and Loving God, at this table the work of your creating has continued. You have met us here in our brokenness. By your unfailing grace you have touched us with your transforming love. We have been restored to wholeness. Your praise will continually be our song. By the power of your Spirit, send us forth, giving expression to your love in all the places we go. Amen

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 424 "The Servant Song"**

THE SERVANT SONG

Brother, sister, let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; We're together on this road.
We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey thro'.

When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant too.

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"We Come to Your Table"

Carey Landry

The Liturgist is Katy Emily.
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RALLY SUNDAY

September 13th

Sunday School begins with classes for all ages. After worship there will be a freewill offering lunch followed by a light spirited, fun movie to kick off the Sunday School year.

Sunday School classes are hybrid, both online and in person.

If you would like a link to join online, please contact the church office.

The Prophets Class uses zoom, and the Dreamers Class uses Google Meet.

CHECK IN, SHARE AND COMMENT ON FACEBOOK

If you are worshipping in person, please "Check-in" on Facebook, then, share the service, comment on it and like it. You are encouraged to have your device out during the service.



INSTAGRAM

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10:45 AM Online & In person Worship followed by in person fellowship

Monday—Friday, 9:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group

Monday & Wednesday, 6:30 PM NA Meeting

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org

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