**Date: July 27, 2025**

Stettler United Church

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**Seventh after Pentecost**

**Theme: Keep on Asking Audaciously!**

**Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon**

**Musician: Barbara-Lynn & Dave Goodwin**

**Audio/Visual: Amy Kwon**

**(\*: Please, stand if you are able.)**

**Musical Prelude**

**Greetings**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

**Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)**

* **Starting August 03** everyone is welcome to attend Sunday Services at St. Georges Anglican Church the Service starts at 10:00 am. Worship committee will lead the September 07 service (SUC) and Rev. Kwon will start his regular schedule September 14.
* **Amy, Thank you for everything**! We are going to miss you! We look forward to seeing you through the year.

**Acknowledgement of Territory**

**ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.**

*Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB*

**Call to Worship**

As we gather for worship, we seek God’s direction for our lives.

**May God lead and guide us.**

As we lift our voices in song and praise, we seek Christ’s truth for our lives.

**May Christ encourage us and inspire us.**

As we seek to serve through our mission and ministry, we need the Spirit’s wise presence in our lives.

**May the Spirit empower us and transform us.**

*Bill Steadman,**Goulais River U.C., Goulais River, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost·1 2025, 37. Used with**Permission*.

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Why do we light this candle during this time of worship?

**We light this candle as a symbol of our intention to be open to God’s presence and action during this time of worship.**

As we welcome this flickering flame, we wait to be transformed by the divine Spirit!

*Christine LeBlanc,**East End United Regional Ministry, Toronto, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost·1 2025, 35. Used with**Permission.*

**\*Hymn *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* MV#10**

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**Opening Prayer**

**ALL: Loving God, we need you in many roles. As we launch this time of worship, empower us and call us to be an open door, allowing you to enter in. Meet us where our need is and call us to where you need us as your disciples. Amen.**

*Bill Perry, Belleville, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost·1 2025, 41. Used with**Permission.*

Prayer of Confession

Renewing God, abide with us and make your home in our lives.

**When we struggle or are hurt, held down by the suffering of life, be with us and remind us of your tender love. Console us with your concern for us.**

When we are overwhelmed or adrift, lost in the strain of life, be with us and remind us of your steadfast love. Guide us to follow your path for us.

**When we celebrate or triumph, swept up in the jubilation of life, be with us and remind us of your joyous love.**

Inspire us to notice you at work in our lives and in the world.

**In all things and at all times, let our hearts overflow with praise for all you do, in mercy and in compassion. Amen.**

*Gill Le Fevre, Walton Memorial U.C., Oakville, Ont.**Gathering, Pentecost·1 2025, 45. Used with**Permission.*

**\*Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* VU#341**

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**Prayer of Illumination**

**ALL: O Christ of new beginnings, we meet today to praise you and to worship you. We want to follow your invitation to discipleship more and more deeply in our lives of faith. Please open our hearts to receive your message today. Amen.**

*Kate Gregory,**Trenton, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost·1 2025, 46. Used with**Permission.*

**Scripture Readings:** **Malcolm Fischer**

***Hosea 1:2–10*: Hosea’s marriage is a metaphor for Israel’s relationship with God.**

***Colossians 2:6–15*: Buried in baptism, raised in faith.**

***Luke 11:1–13*: Jesus teaches the disciples to pray.**

**Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1) (being seated)** Words: William H. Parker 1885 Music:Fredrick Arthur Challinor 1903 © 1904 National Christian Education Council, 1020 Bristol Rd., Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6LB, England. Reproduced with permission. Words, Music: National Christian Education Council. CCLI.

**Congregational Theme/Story Time**

**Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon**

**\*Hymn *Nearer, My God, to Thee* VU#497**

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**A Mission and Service Story**

**Invitation for Offering**

**\*Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* VU#541** Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674. Music: Genevan Psalter 1551. Public Domain. N/A

**Offering Prayer**

**ALL: Lord, we offer these gifts with open hands and open hearts, trusting that your love will transform them into acts of compassion, justice, and mercy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

*Sandra Jenkinson,**Sundridge P.C. and Trout Creek P.C., Sundridge, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost·1 2025, 47. Used with**Permission.*

**Prayers of the Gathered Community**

**The Lord’s 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  VU#664**

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**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

**Postlude**