



Date: September 14, 2025
Fourteenth after Pentecost &
Creation Time 2
Theme: Connection with God

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon
Musician: Barbara-Lynn & Dave Goodwin
Audio/Visual: Holly & Nora
(*: 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)

- **Thank you** to Thelma for decorating the sanctuary.
- **It's September...** Please confirm your start date with the office, ASAP. Thanks
- **October 16th is pie making day**, please drop fruit off at the church during office hours (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 - noon), or make other drop off arrangements.
- **LUV2READ Date Change** ~ New date, **October 2nd** 7pm.
- **Printed Announcements** are available in the Narthex. Please pick them up for additional information and dates.

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

The roads we travelled today to this place helped us experience a small part of God's beautiful creation.

We glory in the foods that are produced in our midst: the awesome diversity of corn and zucchini, squash and tomatoes, pumpkins and green beans.

God feeds us through the warmth of sunshine, the rain, and the rich soil. We are God's creation partners who sow the seeds and keep threats to growth to a minimum. We do our part as co-creators in our small corners.

And yet, God's creation is so much bigger than we can even imagine. The universe is filled with things we have not even seen.

We cannot understand the whole picture of creation, but we can move back from time to time to remember that we are not the only ones God has created.

Let us worship our Creator God, with praise, with love, and with hope!

Éric Hébert-Daly, Executive Minister, Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. Gathering, Pentecost-2 2025, 25. Used with Permission.

Lighting the Christ Candle

ALL: We light the Christ Candle to celebrate and remember the presence of the Spirit of Jesus Christ in us and with us. May the awe of the Creator shine in our hearts and in the world in this holy time.

***Hymn *Praise God for This Holy Ground* MV#42**

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Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Loving God, you have brought us through the summer's heat and drought, the summer's rain and cool

evenings. Throughout the country, we have been battling forest fires and experiencing evacuations. We have struggled with excesses of weather and the looming threat of real climate change. It has disturbed and disquieted us. As this season draws to a close, we find ourselves seeking wisdom and compassion from your word and song as we anticipate an autumn like no other. We anticipate this season knowing that things will be different, yet also knowing that the trees will slowly turn their autumnal colours and the birds will start their procession southward. As the seasons change, may we remain true to your word and to the purpose that Jesus has called us to live. Amen.

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***Hymn *This Is God's Wondrous World* VU#296**

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Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, you have created our blessed sun and set it upon its joyful, heavenly course.

As we receive your word today, help us to love and know you and your perfect law, as reflected in your good creation and in the words of scripture.

Thus may the purified words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts produce fruit worthy of you; gifts and praises as consistently beautiful as the daily splendour of sunrise and sunset.

In Christ's name, we pray, trusting in your grace. Amen.

Laurie Lloyd, Collier Street U.C., Barrie, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost-2 2025, 29. Used with Permission.

Scripture Readings: Dave Goodwin

1 Timothy 1:12–17: Christ came to save sinners; I am the foremost.

Luke 15:1–10: The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1) (being seated)

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

***Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* VU#288**

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Invitation for Offering

***Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* VU#541**

Offering Prayer

Giving God, as we make our offering today, we pray for an end to the waste and desecration within your Creation.

We pray for access to the fruits of Creation to be shared equally among all people, and for communities and nations to find the sustenance they need in the fruits of the earth and the water you have given for all of us to share.

You created the world and gave it to us to care for, so that we might share it with each other.

Inspire us to use the riches of Creation with wisdom and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all.

Trusting in your bounty and in your Creation, may all people be empowered to grow even more respectful and caring for all that you have provided us.

**With our offering today, we offer our thanks and praise.
You are an awesome God! Amen.**

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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 *Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love* VU#574**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

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

Postlude