



**Parkwoods United Church**  
**Summer Bulletin—July 2010**  
**10:00 a.m.**



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Parkwoods United Church  
Season after Pentecost  
July 2010

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

### Finding Our Quiet Centre & Lighting of the Christ Candle

#### Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

1) Come to this place seeking refreshment.

**We give our tiredness to God.**

Come to this place seeking comfort.

**We find comfort and support  
from God and one another.**

Come to this place seeking love.

**God's love is ever abounding toward us.**

Come to this place seeking joy.

**The joy of the Lord is our strength.**

Come, let us worship God!

2) We come to give thanks for the Spirit  
that draws us together:

**for the fresh breeze of summer,  
the rain that nourishes new life,  
the warmth of the sun  
that gives health to our living;**

for holiday and holy days, for friends and family,  
for a world at play;

**and for the faith that reminds us  
of the precious quality of life.**

We celebrate the presence of God in all things.

**We come to worship God.**

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*\*Please stand if you are able*

3) God plants us this earth for a reason.

**May we bloom where we are planted.**

Christ lives in us when we seek to love our neighbour.

**May we care for all God's people everywhere.**

The Spirit gives us strength and hope  
for each new day of service.

**May we respond to the needs  
and demands placed on us.**

We are pilgrims on a journey.

We live our mission as we minister to one and all.

**May we journey together  
as we live out the love of Christ.**

**Opening Prayer** *(Together)*

1) Without you, we would be nothing,  
so we pray to you:

In creation, O God, you formed us for love.

In our living, O God, you whisper to our hearts.

In our caring, O God, you continue to create.

In our vulnerability, O God, you gather us as one.

Draw us together, we pray,

that we might follow your will for our living,

Christ's example for our self-giving,

and your Spirit's passion for wholeness. Amen.

2) Loving God, we give thanks

for your many gifts and blessings.

In the challenge your Word provides for us,  
encourage our response.

In the community our faith calls us to,  
encourage our participation.

In the certainty that you are with us  
no matter how difficult the journey,  
encourage our faithfulness.

In following the compassionate example of Jesus,  
encourage our discipleship.

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit, we pray,  
and teach us to walk in your ways. Amen.

**3)** Creating God,  
as nature makes all things  
green and colourful in this season,  
so make our lives lush and beautiful.  
Sow the seeds of care in the soil of our lives.  
Transplant your love in our relationships.  
Cultivate all that sprouts from your Spirit.  
Enliven our songs of praise with awe  
for all that is life-giving. Amen.

**\* Hymn**

**Prayer of Confession** (*Together*)

**1)** Holy God, in earth, sea and sky,  
you are there;  
in everything we touch;  
in everyone we meet;  
your presence is around us,  
and we give you thanks.  
You we have not touched,  
but trampled, in creation;  
you we have not met,  
but missed, in one another;  
you we have not received,  
but rejected, in the poor.  
Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

**2)** Giver of life, Source of joy,  
we are aware of our limitations,  
our short-comings;  
we know that we are broken, wounded people.  
We ask your healing touch.  
Grant to us the knowledge  
that beyond our limitations is your strength,  
beyond our brokenness is your healing grace.  
Fill our emptiness.  
In all our sorrow, all our foolishness,  
may we remember your resounding joy,  
and live again encompassed by your love  
and soothed by your forgiveness. Amen.

**3)** God of love and grace,  
you know the secrets of our hearts:  
how blind we are to our own faults,  
yet harsh in judging others;  
how swift we are to take for gain,  
yet slow to give for others;  
how proud we are of our success,  
yet grudging in our praise of others.  
Remember, O God,  
your tender care and loving unfailing.  
Do not remember our sins and offences,  
but remember us in your goodness,  
in accordance with your endless mercy.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** (*Leader*)

1) God is the love that over  
and around us lies;  
the grace that is totally unearned;  
and the healing that makes the earth whole.  
Give thanks to God;  
we are forgiven! **Amen.**

2) Hear the Good News:  
God's mercy knows no limits.  
God's love is for all.  
Forgiveness is God's gift to those  
who seek new life in Christ Jesus.  
Thanks be to God  
for mercy, love and forgiveness! **Amen.**

3) God the Creator brings us new life,  
forgives and redeems us.  
Take hold of this forgiveness,  
and live your life in the spirit of Jesus.  
Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

\* **Hymn**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### **First Reading**

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.*

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Gift of Music**

### **Time with the Children**



### **Second Reading**

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.*

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Sermon**



### **\* Hymn**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### **Offering of Our Life and Work**

### **Offertory**

#### **\* Offertory Hymn # 544**

***"In Gratitude and Humble Trust"***

***In gratitude and humble trust,  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.***

#### **\* Offertory Prayer**

### **Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer**

### **\* Hymn**

## \* Commissioning & Benediction

### Benediction Response

#### **Go Now in Peace** (Don Besig)

Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
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.  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### Postlude



### WORSHIP NOTES

We extend our heartfelt thanks to those providing special music, leadership, leaders for the children's Sunday Program and Nursery Care and refreshments for our summer services.

### SUMMER GIVINGS

Our church life continues over the summer, with weekly services and other activities and expenses.

Thus, we ask that if you plan to be away for the summer months, and wish to maintain your pattern of givings, and support to our day-to-day needs, post-dated cheques maybe left in the in the church office.

*Thanks! From the Finance Committee*

## SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

(Commencing July 1 through August 31)

Monday & Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
Wednesday Closed (Messages will be checked)  
Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

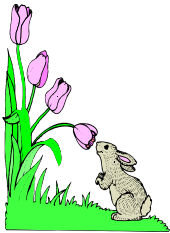
### **Note:**

Office closed for **Statutory Holidays** - Thursday, July 1 and Mondays, August 2, September 6, 2010.

If you hear of anyone who is ill, or in the hospital, and needs pastoral care, please advise the office. We will promptly be in touch.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM & NURSERY CARE

A reminder that volunteers are needed if we want a children's Sunday Program over the summer months. For children 5 years and older, we have a series of movies and other activities if volunteers are willing to supervise for a Sunday or two during July and August. Please carefully consider this opportunity to assist with younger members of our church.



### **Have a Safe and Happy Summer!**

*From The Parkwoods United Church Council  
and Staff*

## **Welcome to Parkwoods United Church!**

If you are a guest today, please introduce yourself to our Minister, **Rev. Bob Wright**

Please make yourself known to the Greeters & Ushers and sign our guest book in the narthex.

**Join us for "Coffee & Conversation"**

**following the service**

Please help us save paper by leaving this bulletin in the pew!  
We will re-use it throughout July.