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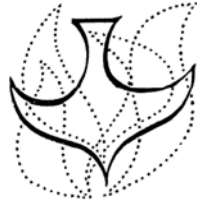
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Parkwoods United Church
Season after Pentecost
August 2010

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Finding Our Quiet Centre & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

1) We gather in the presence of the One
who never forgets us.

We are embraced by the love of God.

We gather in the presence of the One
who calms our fears.

We find peace in God who draws us close.

We gather in the presence of the One
who is a rock of strength for us.

**We find courage to live faithfully
as children of the living God.**

2) God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us to worship.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us by love.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
**calling us by name,
calling us to grow in faith
calling us to be made new.**

In me, in you, in each of us,
God's Spirit shines for all to see.
People of God, come.

Let us worship God together.

**Please stand if you are able*

3) We come with confidence into God's presence.

God's Word is here to guide us.

We come with trust into God's presence.

God's people are here to encourage us.

We come with faith into God's presence.

God's forgiveness is here to set us free.

We come with confidence to worship God.

Opening Prayer *(Together)*

1) We stand in awe of your wonder, O God.

We are humbled that you choose to be
in relationship with us
and that you call us by name
to be your family.

Open our ears to hear your voice
speaking afresh to us this day,
calling us to see the goodness
with which you surround us.

Open our hearts to mending
the relationships of our lives.

Guide us always into your way of peace.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

2) Compassionate God,
be present with each one of us
as we worship today,
as we interact with your creation,
as we are neighbours
and friends to one another.

Hold us in your love.

Steady us and remind us

that you are above all

and through all and in all,

that when we are rooted in your love,

we can be channels of peace,

hope and healing.

We pray in the name of Jesus,

who came to reconcile and make us new. **Amen.**

3) We are your children, O God.
We are aware of your presence that surrounds us.
We are open to the miracles
you share with us each day -
the miracle of life,
the miracle of friendship,
the miracle of family,
the miracle of forgiveness,
the miracle of hope,
the miracle of love.
As your followers,
help us to be miracle workers in our own lives,
and in the lives of others.
We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*** Hymn**

Prayer of Confession (*Together*)

1) Deliver us, Holy One,
from the places where we can't breathe.
Free us from pretending
someone else's walk with you
is our own spiritual journey.
Free us from the feeling
we have to be for or against someone else
in order to receive goodness.
Forgive us, O God.
Set us free to hear your Word to us;
set us free to serve you.
By your Spirit,
fill us with new hope for our lives. **Amen.**

2) Gracious God,
we confess all the times
we have tried to run away from something
that was your desire for us.
We confess the times we've made excuses,
or thought someone else should do it,
or said we didn't understand,
or said we'd have to check with somebody else.

We confess the times we've spoken in haste,
and the times we've acted in selfishness.
Turn us to your desires, O God,
and help us walk in your ways. **Amen.**

3) Spirit of Gentleness,
you call us to live Christ-like lives,
but sometimes we ignore you,
choosing the familiar path of feeling helpless,
angry or afraid.
Call us again, Transforming One.
Remind us of the power that is ours
when we call upon your grace and courage
to fill and move through us.
Remind us of the power of community,
so we do not get discouraged
thinking we are too small or isolated
to make a difference in the world.
Come, fill us, inspire us, and make us new. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance (*Leader*)

1) God has named us "Beloved,"
"Forgiven," and "Chosen."
God does not take those names away.
We belong to God's loving purposes forever.
God frees us for service.
Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

2) God knows we are confused, forget and question.
God is ready each time
to call us back to our true, created selves.
In grace, our sins are forgiven.
Rejoice in God's freeing love. **Amen.**

3) This is the Good News in Jesus Christ:
God loves us more than we love ourselves.
God sets us free to love and forgive others.
Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Gift of Music

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Introduction to the Scriptures

First Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

* Hymn

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 may be left 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**, Mondays, August 2 and September 6, 2010.

If you hear of anyone who is ill or in the hospital, 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 month of August. 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 this time. **Please** carefully consider this opportunity to assist with younger members of our church.

Welcome to Parkwoods United Church!

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

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

Join us for "Refreshments & Conversation"



**Have a Safe and Happy Summer!
We will see you in September when
summer is gone.**

From The Parkwoods United Church Council and Staff

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