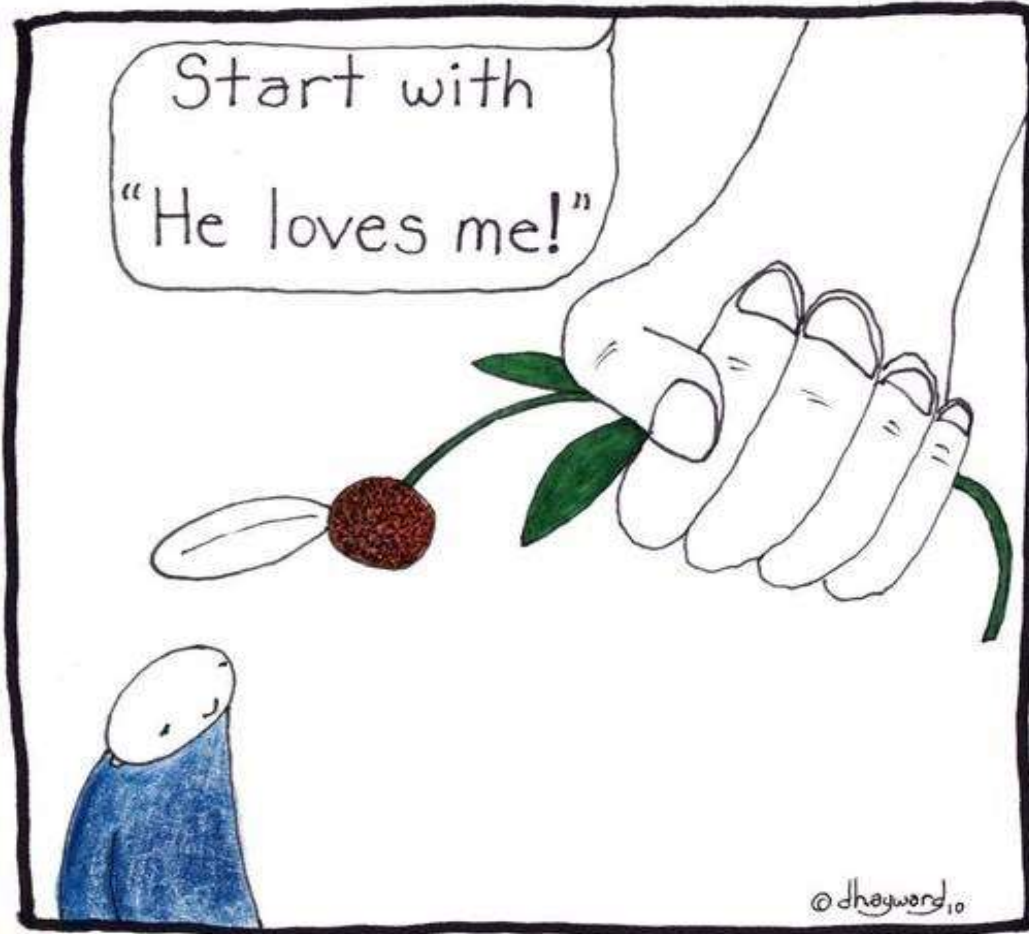


Gathering Table
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GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24th, 2021

Presider & Preacher:
The Rev'd George Porter, D. Phil.

10:00 am

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

Music before the Service: Amazing Grace

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

2 Timothy 1.10

Opening Music: Be Thou My Vision

The Gathering of the Community

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Please stand, as you are able, for the Gathering of the

Community

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

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us continue in prayer together, saying:

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our time within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of the sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

**and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word
(Please be seated for the readings.)

**First Reading is from The Book of
Jeremiah 31: 7 – 9**

⁷ For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations^[a] I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

A Song of Ascents.

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
3 The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
5 May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
6 Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Hebrews 7: 23 – 28

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son

who has been made perfect forever.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

A Gradual: Light of the World

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark 10: 46 - 52**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon: George

A Time of Reflection: What Wondrous Love Is This?

*Please stand as you are able for the Confession,
Absolution and the Peace*

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

(During this time, please refrain from moving about and observe physical distancing)

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Offertory: Jesus, Be the Centre

Please be seated through the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution of Communion.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 6

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.'

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendour of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name, as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power; your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Saviour. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfil your purpose he gave himself up to death and, rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new. And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent

the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe,
to complete his work in the world, and to bring to
fulfillment
the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: at supper with them he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Father, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these

gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Anne, our Archbishop, Archbishop Mark, Bishop Lydia, Gail our Honorary Assistant, our Lay Readers and all who minister in your Church.

Remember our Wardens, the Concurrence Team and others who will lead Gathering Table through this time of transition.

Remember all your people who seek your truth.

Remember all those who have asked us to pray for them

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St Luke, St John, and all the saints who have found favour with you in ages past. We praise you in

union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction Sentence #6

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We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.
Thanks be to God

Receiving Holy Communion

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here.

Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

During this time we ask that you remain seated or standing where you are. The bread only will be distributed to you by the Presider or by a designated Eucharistic Assistant.

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us;**

**Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us;**

Lamb of God you take away

**the sin of the world
grant - us peace.**

The Prayer After Communion

**God our guide, you have fed us with bread from
heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we
who have been inwardly nourished we ask this in
the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

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**Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

**Dear Friends, life is short, and we do not have too much
time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with
us, so be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and may God
the Creator, the Incarnate and Life-Giver fill us with life,
love and hope; may this God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)
strengthen us to love mercy, to do justice and walk in
humility all the days of our lives. Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Music: Wings of an Eagle

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our risen Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left when leaving the church.

At the conclusion of the service, please remain seated until an usher dismisses you. If you are helping with post-service cleaning or counting, please remain seated until ushers indicate it is safe to move about.

Readings for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1: 1 - 18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9: 11 - 14..

Mark 12: 28 - 34

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

The Diocese of Guildford – The Church of England
(*Canterbury Province*)

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Westminster

ELCIC/ACC An end to gender-based violence and human trafficking.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:
St. George's, Thunder Bay, Capt. Deb Everest (Lay Incumbent)

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Peter Braunberger, and Carolin Braunberger-Houlding, David, Abby and Liz, Mary Browne and Baby Jaclynn Marttunen, Connie Bryson, Murray Butler, Laura Byce, Anna and Grace Dosen, David L Bythell, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and Sheila Chisholm, Rev. Gail Clifton and Gail Pell, Bruno Coda, Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts, Maureen and Teresa Colpitts/Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman,

Please Pray For: Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Eyes are useless when the mind is blind.

Reminder about Visitations:

Pastoral care visits will continue to be restricted to emergency situations – please call the office if such a situation arises.

Gathering Table Prayer Chain

During this time of social isolation and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to pray for one another. If you would like to be a part of the Gathering Table prayer chain or you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the prayer chain please contact

Sheila Chisholm at chisholmsheilak@gmail.com
or text /phone 306-240-0771.

Sunday Sermons: Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream

**2022 Canadian Church Calendars
have arrived in the office. Just \$5.00 each**





Redwood Church is hosting a
KAIROS Blanket Exercise Experience,
Sat. Oct. 30, at 9:30 a.m.

For information.

visit https://redwoodpark.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1031832?fbclid=IwAR2vacdpJF_AfhPahoeaqMLxKSXzoOf1603sBcjxoX4Ak6gyTDtFUD7kJcs



Mission to Seafarers – Thunder Bay

MTS-Thunder Bay is celebrating its 60th anniversary on Dec. 6, 2021. It will be holding a special Holy Communion service on that date at Our Saviour's. The Chair of the board of MTS-TB for 2021-2022: Pastor Matthew
Although the pandemic greatly affected operations in 2020, it was able to continue its ministry:
-providing ministry to seafarers and port personnel who request its services (Chaplain: Canon Ed Swayze + 23 volunteers)

- *Mid-day Prayers:* Mid-Day Prayers and Coffee are being offered on a monthly basis on the first Wednesday of the month at noon: Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. We will continue it until we are able to resume holding the Eucharist. To join Zoom Prayers click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89162986646?pwd=T3A4aTVqZzVvYk5lQoE1Vm1RNTMvZz09>



Annual Christmas Bag Gift Bags For Seafarers

**They need to be at the Seafarers' Centre by
November 22.**

Items that we would welcome include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, soap, razors, small shower gel and shampoo, socks, gloves, toques (home made or bought), chocolate. No scarfs as they are dangerous onboard.

An income tax receipt will be given for any cash/cheque donations. You can also donate online by going to 'Donate' on this website and choosing 'Christmas Appeal'.

Please call ahead if donations are to be left at the Mission to Seafarers located at 401 E. Waterfront Rd (over the flyover on Main St and turn left and to the end)

Suggested donations include mittens, gloves, writing paper, and wrapped candy, or cash donations to purchase items need to complete the bags.

In Christ's service **Canon Ed Swayze** Chaplain

For more information, including to volunteer, visit www.missiontoseafarers.ca .





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Organist (Vacant)

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2021

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.” *Micah 6:8*