



Gathering Table  
**a Faith Community in the  
Anglican Church of Canada**

Transfiguration of the Lord  
and  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Presider:** Jim Sutton  
**Preacher:** Frances Bennett-Sutton  
**Music:** Donna and Ted Hamill and Singers

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**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.**

Pre Service Song: **CP #533**

***Jesus, Lover Of My Soul***

**Welcome To Gathering Table  
and Opening Remarks**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
Listen to him. *Matthew 17.5*

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

Opening Music: ***My Worth Is Not In What I Own***

**Opening Sentence**

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*Presider:* Lord, open our lips,

***All:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Presider:* O God, make speed to save us.

***All:* O Lord, make haste to help us.**

***All:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

**O come, let us worship.**

**Jubilate:** Psalm 100

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**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his  
pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

**For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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

**First Reading: Isaiah 1: 1, 10 – 20**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves

clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

**Psalm 50: 1 – 8, 23 – 24**

**REFRAIN:** Our God will come and not keep silence.

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory. **Our God will come and not keep silence.**

Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his people.

**Our God will come and not keep silence.**

"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

**Our God will come and not keep silence.**

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me.

**Our God will come and not keep silence.**

Consider this well, you who forget God, lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me; but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

**Our God will come and not keep silence.**

### **The Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1 – 3, 8 – 16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not

knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gradual:        ***He Will Hold Me Fast***

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

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Luke 12: 32 - 40**

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon: Frances Bennett-Sutton**

*Parochial Lay Reader*

*A time of silence for reflection:*



## **Affirmation of Faith:**

Let us confess the faith in these words:

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

Music:            *Fashion For Me*

## **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

### **Litany # 19: Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying, "We thank you, Lord."

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,  
revealing the image of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think and hearts to love,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to

rest and play,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,

**We thank you, Lord.**

Today we give thanks especially for farmers and their fresh food delivered to markets; we give thanks also for this summer season of gardening, camping, swimming and many other outdoor recreational opportunities,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the birth of baby Elliot Sirkka Pyne, daughter of Sarah and Alex, and sister to Emmerson and Evelyn;  
And for the life of Dorothy Cook and all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord**

### **Intercessions:**

We pray for our own church members:

Sharon and Hellen, Margaret, Joe and Nancy, Ivy and Tim, Suzy and Leigh, Scot and Kerri, Cole and Nathan, Sheila, Mary, Emil and Margot, Steven and Abby, Rose, Ann, Larry and Vicky, Elisabeth, Allan and Sharon, Joyce, Melanie, Shannon and Marie.

We pray also for young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University: who are struggling academically, socially and mentally, especially during the

uncertainty of these continuing Covid-19 times, as well as understanding their own identities.

Prayer during Vacancy in Our Parish:

Heavenly Father, during this vacancy, guard and grow our Parish as we serve you together in this period without an incumbent.

Lord Jesus, we know that you have plans for us and that these plans are always good. We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers and visitors.

Holy Spirit, please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future of Gathering Table and see your kingdom grow. Amen.

*(Please stand as you are able as we pray together)*

**Collect for Transfiguration Sunday**

**Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer:**

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.**

## **A Blessing: Presider**

*Life is short  
And we do not have much time  
To Gladden the hearts of those  
Who travel with us.  
So may we be swift to love,  
May we make haste to be kind  
And may we go in Peace  
To Love and serve the Lord*

## **Announcements**

Closing Music: ***O Love That Will Not Let Me Go***

## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Let us go forth to be Christ's Body here on earth.  
**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.

**Readings for the Tenth Sunday of Pentecost**

Isaiah 5: 1 – 7 ....                      or MP Judges 16: 15 – 31  
Psalm 80: 1 – 2, 8 – 18                  or MP Psalm 118  
Hebrews 11: 29 – 12:2                  or MP 2 Corinthians 13: 1 – 11  
Luke 12: 49 – 56

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:**

*8th Sunday after Trinity or 9<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost  
Transfiguration Sunday*

**The Church in the Province of the West Indies**

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC:**                      The Rt. Rev. Helen Kennedy, Bishop, and the  
   clergy and people of the Diocese of  
   Qu'Appelle

**ELCIC**                      The dean, council, and congregations of the  
   Northern Area of the Synod of Alberta and  
   the Territories

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:**

**Retreat Houses:** Maison Dieu, Bracebridge; Villa  
Loyola, Sudbury; Anishinabe Spiritual Centre, Espanola;  
The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (Toronto)

## **Our Parish Cycle of Prayer**

### **Please pray for our own church members:**

Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston, Margaret Cousins, Joe and Nancy Crane, Ivy and Tim, Suzy and Leigh Crocker Scot and Kerri Dawson, Cole and Nathan, Sheila Douglas, Mary Edwards, Emil and Margot Engler, Steven and Abby, Rose Everall, Ann Flatt, Larry and Vicky Fletcher/Kosny-Fletcher, Elisabeth Gesch, Allan and Sharon Gilbert, Joyce Gill, Melanie Gottfred, Shannon and Marie MacLeod

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A grace note from [www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)

Where is your heart?

**Reminder about Visitations:**

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



**2022 Envelopes**

are now available at the back of the church.

**Or Ask About Electronic Offering Program**

**Gathering Table Prayer Chain:** 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](mailto:chisholmsheilak@gmail.com) or phone 787-0253 or text 1-306-240-0771

**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

**Sunday School Restarting – September 18th  
Needs Some Volunteers**

We plan to restart our Sunday Church School Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

2022. Ideally, the children would be divided into 3 age groups.....3 to 5, 6 to 8 and 9 to 11/12. Thus we are asking for your prayers for 2 Volunteers who would joyfully assist with this endeavor. Contact Ellen Teahan at [eteahan@shaw.ca](mailto:eteahan@shaw.ca) who is looking forward to being able to offer this teaching/learning opportunity to our children with the help of 2 weekly assistants.

## **PWRDF WILD RIDE/PUT YOUR STAMP ON IT**



The UN High Commission for Refugees announced that there are now over 100 million refugees and displaced persons, 1% of the world's population.

We can join the PWRDF Wild Ride campaign to support PWRDF's partners who serve refugees and displaced people. We are invited to create our own "....athon". Some ideas are the usual walk, cycle, rollerblade, swim, kayak, canoe, dance or sing, etc. Join the Wild Ride and put our stamp on it. Other "athons" to try are knit, read, paint, puzzle, clean, cut grass, tell jokes...any activity you can imagine. Make it fun!

Let's take this on as a parish. **E-mail me by Sunday Aug.21/22 with your ideas and help organize our parish.** For more information contact: Linda Rintamaki (rep) [linjrin@tbaytel.net](mailto:linjrin@tbaytel.net)

**How you can help:** Please continue to pray for an end to hunger and for peace in the world. Click below to make



your gift online, or send a cheque payable to PWRDF to 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. (Please note **WILD RIDE/PUT YOUR STAMP ON IT** on the memo.) You can also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and we will return your call.

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For Sale By Donation - 2 black compost bins at the church. Please leave a message at the church office - 345 - 6898 or contact a warden if you or a friend are interested in obtaining one.

## FALL EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE

Groups or individuals wishing to use the Parish Hall, or Kitchen, must fill in the Gathering Table Booking Request Form that is available by calling the office at 345-6898 or by emailing the office at ([office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)). They have to be approved by the Wardens.



Please contact the Altar Guild if you or your family would like to place flowers on the altar on a Sunday.



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**Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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**Lay Readers:** Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine,  
Brenda O’Neill and Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

**Lay Reader in Training:** Richard Pepper

Rector’s Warden: David Reid

Deputy Rector’s Warden: Vacant

People’s Warden: Jim Sutton

Deputy People’s Warden: Sheila Chisholm

Co-Music Directors - Pianist Donna Hamill

Organist (Vacant)

**Archbishop Ann**

“So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away;  
see, everything has become new.”

*(2. Cor. 5.17) “*