

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Celebrant: Rev. Ann Camber
Camp Reflections: Jim Sutton, Frances Bennett-Sutton
Lay Reader: Rose Jardine
Music: Richard Pepper
Lectors: Julia MacDougal, Richard Pepper
Eucharistic Assistants: Alex and Sylvia Kostecki
Greeter: Colleen Speer and Sharon Sparkes
Altar Guild: Erminie Reid

Second Sunday of Pentecost
Camping Sunday and Sunday School Picnic

June 2nd, 2024

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their 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.

Land Acknowledgement- Doug Semple

**Welcome To Gathering Table and Opening
Remarks**

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers we're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitor's Book at the back of the church, and please join after the service for coffee hour.

Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth.
John 17.17

Opening Music: Wings of an Eagle

Gathering of the Community

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All please stand, if able.

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

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.**

Collect Of The Day

Celebrant: Lord God of the nations, you have revealed
your will to all people and promised us your saving help.
May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness
may be overcome by the power of your light; through your

Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **All: Amen**

Children's Time and Prayer for Camping Sunday

Ellen Teahan and Rev. Ann Camber

Creator God,

We thank you for bringing us together in this place, to celebrate the recreation, the re-creation, of enjoying the fun and community of camping.

We thank you for all the people in our lives, and especially those who have gathered with us.

We also thank you for all of creation; the hills and trees, the rocks, the water, the animals of field and forest.

We thank you for your love for us; the love that we in turn share with one another.

Open our hearts to receive your word, to learn more about creation and your love.

Guide us in your love and the spirit of creation so that we might be examples for others to follow. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading from the First Book of Samuel

1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying

down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 139: 1 – 5, 12 – 17

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Psalm Prayer: *BAS page 898*
God of mystery and power, even our minds and

hearts are the veils and signs of your presence. We come in silent wonder to learn the way of simplicity, the eternal road that leads to love for you and for your whole creation. We come as your Son Jesus Christ taught us, and in his name.

Amen.

**The Second Reading is from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians
2 Corinthians 4: 5 – 12**

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

Gradual: Halla-la-la-la-la hallelujah

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark 2: 23 – 3:6

One sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

This is The Gospel of Christ
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Reflections of Camp Gitchigomee: **Jim Sutton**
Frances Bennett-Sutton

Time of Silent Reflection

Hear O Israel

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**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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

Lay Reader

**Prayers for Camping Sunday
and Sunday School Picnic**

Heavenly Father, we approach you through Jesus Christ
our Lord, with prayers for Sunday School. Our response in
these prayers:

Lay Reader: Father, in your lovingkindness,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

Gift each child with a tender heart and a curious mind, so
their spirit will hear your voice clearly over the noise of the
world.

Lay Reader: Father, in your lovingkindness,
ALL: Hear our prayer

Keep each child safe and healthy throughout the summer and fill their lives with happy adventures that will remind them of your love.

In your word, you tell us to make sure each child feels cherished in your presence. Grow the seeds of joy that have been planted by the Sunday School teachers.

Lay Reader: Father, in your lovingkindness,
ALL: Hear our prayer

Give the teachers a time of rest and restoration, keep them safe and healthy during the summer break.

Guide the leaders of Gathering Table, set in place by you, to see and to seek the best possible Sunday School environment.

Speak to the hearts of the adults of Gathering Table, and draw closer those whom you are calling to minister to our children through the Sunday School.

Lay Reader: Father, in your lovingkindness,
ALL: Hear our prayer

We thank you Father for hearing our prayers for the precious souls in Sunday School.

We continue to pray, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, with prayers for Camp Gitchigomee.

Give the leaders of Camp Gitchigomee the wisdom, skill and resources needed to prepare for, and to provide a safe campsite, devoted staff and a crazy-awesome program this summer.

Lay Reader: Father, in your lovingkindness,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

Speak to the hearts of financial donors to give generously, so that every young person who is keen to attend the camp is able to do so.

Draw forward and encourage the volunteers who will be the right person at the right time and in the right place to show your lovingkindness to the campers. Give these leaders the Grace to support campers wherever they are, as they journey toward you.

Lay Reader: Father, in your lovingkindness,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

Send rain, so that everyone can enjoy the experience of lake and of campfires.

Lay Reader: Father, in your lovingkindness,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

Give each camper and each staff, a 'camp friend', with whom a life long friendship may grow, one who 'gets them'.

Give inspiration to the Spiritual Leaders as they develop their plans for the week, open their eyes to what you have desired for everyone in attendance.

Lay Reader: Father, in your lovingkindness,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

Bless the many who have supported Gitchigomee in prayer during all the years of its ministry to children, draw in more and more prayer partners throughout the preparations and operations this summer.

Lay Reader: Father, in your lovingkindness,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we bring all these petitions to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, and in the power of Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN.

Confession and Absolution

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

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

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

The Peace

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

Offertory: Jesus, It's a Beautiful Day

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Eternal God, receive all we offer you this day Give us the wisdom of obedience and help us to do your holy and life-giving will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist
Eucharistic Prayer #5 *BAS Page 204*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are**

full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

Patrick Schlabs

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Glory to you 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.

The Breaking of the Bread #2

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Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Communion Music:

You Are My All In All
For Those Tears I Died

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Eternal God, you have fed us at the table of your grace. Deliver us from all spiritual pride, and give us a quiet confidence in your mercy. We ask this in the name

of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Doxology

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Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing: Rev. Ann Camber

Take the warmth and light represented by this fire into your lives. Take the warmth and light of God's love into your lives. May the fun and faith of church camps, reside in your minds and hearts. And...remember to pass it on.

Amen.

Announcements:

Closing Music: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the 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.

Readings for the Third Sunday of Pentecost

1 Samuel 8: 4 – 11, (12 – 15), 16 – 20

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5:1

Mark 3: 20 - 35

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: **Please Pray for:** The Anglican Province of West Africa and The Most Rev. Dr. Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith, Archbishop.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: Canterbury College, Huron University College, Renison College, the Anglican Studies Program at Saint Paul University, Thorneloe University, Trinity College, Wycliffe College

ELCIC Luther College at the University of Regina and Luther College—High School

Diocese of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for: Children & Youth Sunday – *Say Yes to Kids!* Pray for our youth in the diocese. That they may experience great joy and growth in the sharing of their journeys of faith with one another and in their parish context. Pray for all those who provide ministry in support of our youth.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Ian and Virginia McEwen, and Rory and Toby, Gloria McKay, Donald and Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahan, Arlene Meservier, Carl and Elizabeth Mickelson, Adrienne Morris, Tom and Dora Morris, Charles and Marion Morris, Rosalie Hardisty Morris, Mark Myers, Dorothy Nesbitt, Garth and

Brenda O'Neill, Bethany O'Neill

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

Jesus' joyful announcement calls on all believers
for faith and discipleship.

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church
Pick up a copy today for ***June, July August 2024***

Baptism and Confirmation

Adult Confirmation classes have begun if you are interested in ***Baptism or Confirmation***, please let Rev. Ann know. rector@gatheringtable.ca

Scents, kitchen, allergies



For the well-being of us all, a few reminders:
Please do not wear scents (perfume, cologne, hairspray etc.) After using the kitchen, please ensure that all surfaces are cleaned and sanitized and the floor is swept of any mouse-attracting crumbs. Some of us have life-threatening allergies to nuts, so please do not bring food containing nuts into the building. Sealed items for the Food Cupboard are exempt.

We Welcome Your Prayer Requests:

If you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the Gathering Table prayer chain, please email

the request to prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca. If you do not have access to email, please call the office or Sheila Chisholm at (807) 697-0465 and we will get it sent out for you.



Reminder about - Visitations Communion:

Let Rev. Ann know if someone you know would like a visit. call 807-285-9446 or email at: rector@gatheringtable.ca



2024 Envelopes are now available at the back

A note about offerings: all information is on the shelves at the back of the Church. If you used the numbered offering envelopes in 2023 you will find a personalized box of 2024 envelopes for your use. If you wish to use weekly offering envelopes you may take an unassigned box and add your name to the list beside the box number. If you would like to contribute using the Electronic Offering Program*, which we recommend, these forms are also available at the back of the Church fill in the information and turn it into the office. If you are already using EOP you may amend your offerings using the same form. E-transfers can also be made to Gathering Table by using:

office@gatheringtable.ca and use “church” as your security answer. If you require any assistance, please consult a Warden. The EOP is administered by the Diocese and is a pre-authorized payment plan offering a steady flow of funds to Gathering Table. It takes the worry about “catching up” if you are away or cannot attend for any reason.

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

EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE

Each September groups wishing to book the use of the hall, kitchen has to fill in the “Booking Request Form” each year for your groups’ activities. Please contact the office to request the form. office@gatheringtable.ca
Or call 807-345-6898

Calendar of Events

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| June 2 nd | Camping Sunday – Sunday School Picnic |
| June 4 th | Altar Guild Meeting 3 p.m. |
| June 7 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| June 9 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| June 15 th | Camp Gitchigomee Training 1 p.m. |
| June 20 th | World Refugee Day |
| June 21 st | Food Cupboard Prep |
| June 23 rd | Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour
National Aboriginal Day of Prayer
Celebration |
| June 25 th | Parish Advisory Council (PAC) 7 p.m. Zoom |
| July 7 th | Start of Senior Camp |
| July 7 th | Coffee Hour |
| July 12 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| July 14 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard and Sea
Sunday |
| July 14 th | Start of Junior Camp |

July 21st Coffee Hour
July 21st Start of Intermediate Camp
July 26th Food Cupboard Prep
July 28th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
Aug. 16 – 18 Family Camp Weekend at Camp G.

Camp Gitchigomee Summer Camp Dates for 2024

July 7 - 13, - **Junior Camp** (ages 7 – 9)

July 14 - 20, - **Senior Camp** (ages 13 – 15)

July 21 - 27, - **Intermediate Camp** (ages 10 – 12)

Bursaries are available through each *Anglican Church*, and through a generous donation from *The Salvation Army* program called “*Send a Camper to Camp*”. If you would like to sponsor a camper, or get information on the bursaries please talk to Jim Sutton, or Roberta Wolfe.

Camp Gitchigomee (*on going fundraiser*)

Help Kick Start our Generator Fundraiser

Grab a white sock from one of our Camp Reps and start saving your change. Every nickel, dime, quarter, loonie or twoonie (*cash and cheques*) will make us that much closer to replacing our old one.



Looking for Mowers

We need volunteers willing to be “mowers” for our lawns during the summer. All are welcome. ***If you know a high school teen who needs volunteer hours and you are willing to accompany them and do trimming that would be awesome as well.*** We have

an easy start mower, a gas powered trimmer which needs coaxing and training is available. Typically, the lawns would need to be cut twice a week during June and then only once a week the rest of the summer. We will make up a schedule as we go. Please contact a Warden or the Property Team.

Save The Date

Aug. 16 – 18 Church Family Camp at Camp Gitchigomee
Details Soon!!

Enjoy the beautiful sunsets



Join Us After the Service for a Picnic Lunch outside
(weather permitting)





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Archbishop Anne’s Motto for 2024

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:7-8