

**The Genesis Cooperative
of the United Church of Canada
in Partnership with the
Glenqarry East Pastoral Charge**

***Consisting of the congregations of:
Alexandria, Cassburn, Dalhousie Mills, East Hawkesbury,
Kirk Hill, Pendleton, Trinity (Vankleek Hill)***

**Sunday, July 25, 2021
9th Sunday after Pentecost**



Worship Leaders Today

Trinity
Alexandria / Dalhousie Mills
Pendleton
Cassburn, Kirk Hill, East
Hawkesbury

Gabrielle Becker
Martin Reichert
Rev. Phyllis Dietrich

No Services

*“Surely God is in this place... help me notice”
(attributed to St. Lawrence)*

We Gather to Praise God

Welcome to our worship service today.

We pray you will feel God's presence as we worship together.

*You are invited to join in reading the responses and prayers, printed in **bold**.*

♪Prelude

Greeting and Welcome

Life and Work of the Church

Minute for Missions

Lighting the Christ Candle

♪Sung Introit: “Come We That Love the Lord” VU715

*Come we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known,
Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne.*

The Call to Worship;

In the mystery of the heart of Christ is food for life beyond our imagining. As the divine hands hold what we bring, we will never know the possibilities that lie there.

We will come in faith.

In the drowning moments on the seas of life, if we will look, we will see stretched out arms of peace and hope and feet that walk across the waters of our fear.

We will come in faith, for the Christ waits to greet us here.

♪Hymn: “At the Name of Jesus” VU 335

The Opening Prayer and the Prayer of Confession:

Come, loving Jesus, come to us. Be found in the mysteries of our slender survivals. We know we don't even bother to offer what we have to you. We believe it to be too small as we look at what is before us. We'd rather send away those who gather in hope and deny even our own neediness. Yet, do not leave us alone, Jesus Christ.

If we refuse to listen to the faith of others and their stories of your kindness and the wonder of a Godliness that is never contained within our human plans and perceptions:
Yet do not leave us alone, Jesus Christ.

Remind us again of hopes that lie beyond our sight. We pray in your name this day.

Words of Affirmation:

Receive the assurance of pardon. God is greater and more gracious than anything that we can conceive. The baskets of hospitality within the goodness of God overflow with plenty and generosity.

We are forgiven ... Thanks be to God!

🎵 Hymn: *“For the Crowd of Thousands”* VU 355

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Lessons:

2 Samuel 1:1-15 David and Bathsheba.

Psalms 14 VU 735 Fools say, “There is no God”.

Ephesians 3:14-21 God's power accomplishes more than we can ask for or imagine.

John 6:1-21 Jesus feeds the multitude and walks on water.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Message:

🎵 Hymn: “*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*” VU 344

We Respond to God’s Word

Offering Invitation:

Let’s take in our hands the loaves and fishes of today. We will never know what God will make of our gifts.

The Prayer of Dedication:

We place these gifts and our lives into your open hands, Jesus Christ. We bring them in humble faith as we look at the needs around us. Multiply our small offerings with the expansion of your grace, we pray. **AMEN!**

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven ... (*found at VU 959*)

🎵 Hymn: “*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*” VU 472

The Closing Words

🎵 Sung Blessing: “*Go Now in Peace*”

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of everyday.
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.

Postlude

Our Worship Ends – Our Service Begins

Announcements

✝ *As church, we are called to pray for each other
and for our mission in the world* ✝

Glen Cairn United Church, Kanata, ON



Question of the Day:

When have you experienced God's abundance?

Nursing Homes / Seniors' Homes Services:

**All Nursing / Seniors' Home Services
are cancelled until further notice.**

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Minutes for Mission

“We know that the Spirit speaks through music, and we are exploring new ways to listen.”

The meditative walk in the neighbourhood around MacKay United Church located in the nation’s capital kicks off with a quote from 13th-century Persian poet Rumi: “There are many roads leading to God. I’ve chosen that of music and dance.”

There is no live guide speaking the words or playing the music streaming through earphones. Instead, the church’s minister Peter Woods, also a jazz musician, uses SonicMaps, a geolocated listening platform to facilitate the walk. Participants tune in by clicking a link or scanning a QR code. Turning a corner from one zone in the neighbourhood to the next, the music and message change.

“As the pandemic unfolded, we quickly realized that concerts and other typical ways of sharing music and spirituality through jazz wasn’t going to happen. We transitioned our weekly Kindness of Jazz music and meditation evenings online and embraced other technologies to minister to people safely,” says Woods.

In a traumatized community of artists, these initiatives sparked new relationships. Guest co-hosts and musicians offered leadership from as far away as Ireland, South Korea, and San Salvador.

“I love how vital the connections have become amongst artists, across tech platforms and with spiritually resonant friends. Music, in this context, is the soundtrack to sacred moments and revelations. I feel great joy to witness this work unfolding. Improvised music is so often in service of the sacred, but now more than ever,” says Woods.

Sonic walks and online music collaborations are the tip of the creative iceberg. The last few years have been full. EvenSong, the band Woods plays with, released its album *Songs from the Bridge* in 2019. The church hosted a bustling night market serving up local food and showcasing the work of artisans beneath a moody cover of white lights and floating jazz. Most recently, Woods released a meditative video called *Arise, My Love* featuring original music coupled with photographs taken by the United Church’s General Secretary Michael Blair.

Many of Woods’ most innovative projects have been supported through the United Church Foundation and Mission & Service Embracing the Spirit grants administered by EDGE Network.

“We know that the Spirit speaks through music, and we are exploring new ways to listen,” says Woods. “In the chaos of this time, there have been many blessings and much creativity. That positive energy is the way forward. We are learning and sharing what we learn with the rest of *the church*.”