

**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, June 26, 2022
*Third Sunday after Pentecost***



Worship Leaders Today

Trinity / Cassburn
Alexandria
Kirk Hill
Pendleton
Dalhousie Mills
East Hawkesbury

Martin Reichert
Congregation Memorial Service
Worship with East Hawkesbury
Deborah Suddard
Rev. Phyllis Dietrich
Mackie Robertson

*“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

The Life and Work of the Church

Minute for Mission

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

♪Sung Introit: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” VU 211 (vs. 2)

*Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

The Call to Worship:

A way parts and God's presence is recognized among us. A path is made by the footsteps of faith and we merge with the generations before us to be people of faith in our time and place **Let us worship God!**

The Opening Prayer:

God of prophets both ready and reluctant, may our hearts be renewed by your Spirit – a Spirit that opens our eyes to your vision for the world; a Spirit who invites us to pick up the call as prophets of your way. May we be receptive to your Spirit, we pray. **AMEN.**

🎵 Hymn: *“When All Your Mercies, O My God”* VU 219

The Prayer of Confession:

When the flame goes out, and we imagine ourselves not good enough, when the way is too difficult, and we can find no one else to lead, when the gifts seem thin, and we feel we cannot find the way, whisper your presence, O God. When the questions are too deep and there is no way to seek an answer, when the mantle is unworn and we are the only ones to pick it up, when the world is tough and your calling even tougher, whisper your presence, O God. May we find a new vision to dream, may we find a new language to speak, may we find a new daring within our souls, whisper your presence, O God.

The Words of Affirmation:

The psalmist encourages us to call to mind the deeds of God and remember the wonders of former days. God works wonders through ordinary people and God leads us by the hand. God’s presence is among us as in days of old enabling us to speak daringly the truth and to be courageous in our action for justice. Let us be the prophets of God in our time

🎵 Hymn: *“We are Pilgrims”* VU 595

We Listen for God’s Word

Scripture Lessons:

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 Elisha sees Elijah ascend to heaven.

Psalms 77: 1-2, 11-20 VU 791 I cry to God in my distress.

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 Called to freedom; the fruit of the Spirit.

Luke 9: 51-62 Foxes have holes, but the Son has nowhere to lay his head.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Message:

🎵 Hymn: *“It Only Takes A Spark”* VU 289

We Respond to God’s Word

Offering Invitation

🎵 Response: *“We Give You But Your Own”* VU 542

*We give you but your own, whate’er the gift may be,
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

The Prayer of Dedication:

Liberating God, you set us free so we can bind ourselves to the way of love. Enable us to live in the Spirit. And may the spiritual fruits increase within and among us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. **AMEN.**

The Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer:

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

🎵 Hymn: *“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”* VU 664

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* †

The People of Ukraine;
St. Andrew's United, Cumberland, ON



Question of the Day:

Luke 9 connection:

Think of how often examples from nature are used in the gospels, either by Jesus or to describe something about Jesus.

What might we learn from the fox to help us understand Jesus?

This month is National Indigenous month. Today, June 19 is the Indigenous Day of Prayer, and June 21 is the National Indigenous Peoples Day. These Sundays are an opportunity to celebrate First Nations, Inuit, and Métis

Tomorrow, June 27, is Canadian Multiculturalism Day. Multicultural communities live alongside one another, value tolerance, and celebrate outward expressions of culture. The church's intercultural vision, however, goes further. It encourages all of us to change, build relationships, and distribute power fairly in respectful awareness of each other's differences.

Our GO-FISH totals this year! Great job, everyone.

Alexandria - 65; Cassburn - 82; Dalhousie Mills - 32;

Kirk Hill - 84; Pendleton - 65; Trinity - 36

GRAND TOTAL: 345 cans for the food banks!

The **SUMMER SCHEDULE 2022** is available on the website.



The Horse & Buggy Ecumenical Service will be held on **Sunday July 10th** at 11 am at the VKH Fair Grounds. The theme this year is “*Who is my neighbour?*”.

12 noon: due to COVID restrictions no lunch or beverages will be served, so bring your own and enjoy fellowship with your neighbours.

1:30 pm: Parade starts.

The United Church of Canada gratefully acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.

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**“We are working with these people...
so they don’t become victims.”**

In December 2020, we shared Lakshmi’s story. Lakshmi, a teenager from West Bengal, India, was trafficked by her aunt, who promised that Lakshmi could earn money “dancing.” Thankfully, the story had a happy ending. Lakshmi’s parents contacted the Diocese of Durgapur, which runs an anti-human trafficking program supported by your Mission & Service gifts.

The Diocese intervened, and on the threat of legal action, Lakshmi’s aunt returned her to her parents.

Over the year since we published Lakshmi’s story, the Diocese of Durgapur has been busy initiating life-saving anti-trafficking programming, advocacy, education, and relief efforts.

Here’s an update. In 2021, your support through Mission & Service meant that

- 985 key leaders became aware of anti-human trafficking methods, including youth, church, and community leaders;
- 20 young people received computer training;
- 9 families learned bamboo crafting to augment their income;
- 500 families received relief during COVID lockdowns, including food hampers and personal protective equipment;
- CCTV cameras were installed in the Malda Safe Home, which houses 21 children.

Now that people are returning to work after COVID lockdowns, the efforts of the Diocese and ongoing Mission & Service support are especially critical.

Most of the people the Diocese of Durgapur reaches out to live below the poverty line and earn their livelihood through agriculture and labour. “They go to other states looking for work and sometimes fall victim to human trafficking. Now as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, people are again getting ready to go outside for work. We are working with these people, especially in the areas where people were trafficked earlier, so they don’t become victims,” says Raja Moses, a Project Coordinator for the Diocese.

Your generous gifts through **Mission & Service** support anti-human trafficking programs run through the Diocese of Durgapur, directly impacting thousands of lives. Thank you!

