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Kirk Hill, Pendleton, Trinity (Vankleek Hill)*

**Sunday October 2, 2022
World Communion Sunday
Joint Service at Dalhousie Mills**



**World
Communion Sunday**

Worship Leader Today

Worship Leader:
Pianist

Rev. Phyllis Dietrich
Amy Mayer

*“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 the Christ Candle

🎵Sung Introit: “This Is God’s Wondrous World” vs. 1

VU 296

*This is God’s wondrous world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres.
This is God’s wondrous world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God’s hand the wonders wrought.*

The Call to Worship: (from Luke 17: 7-10)

Nothing special about us. **We are God’s ordinary people meeting together.**

But God blesses our meeting and gives us a joy that is extraordinary. **In our prayer and our praise, we thank our Creator.**

In our listening to the scriptures, we receive encouragement, hope, and a fresh direction. **In our Holy Communion, we**

are one as we eat bread, drink wine, and remember the life and death of Jesus.

As you care for one another, you will know true fellowship.
As we care for the poor and the fragile, we will know joy.

As you prepare to return to our small part of the world, you will be strengthened. **We are God's ordinary people, but we are people of faith.**

The Opening Prayer:

We are not possible without you, God. We are the products of those who came before. We influence those who come after. You bind the generations to one another. We offer the treasures we find in you to one another. Passing them down through the ages. Hear us as we worship you.

🎵 Hymn: *"Morning Has Broken"* VU 409

The Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we come before you as bearers of a faith for which we are not always known. Sometimes we shrink from the gift entrusted to us, as if it is the least part of ourselves, as if passing trivialities matter more, as if faith has no real weight in the scheme of things. Forgive us our unfaithfulness. Forgive us for our turning from your gifts. Call us back to life in you, today and every day. **AMEN.**

The Words of Affirmation:

God is merciful and forgiving. Through the revelation of Jesus Christ, we are assured that God sees us from far and greets us with tender mercy when we return to God. Therefore, let us be at peace with ourselves, with God, and with each other. **AMEN.**

🎵 Hymn: *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"* VU 364

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Lessons:

Lamentations 3: 19–26 Great is God's Faithfulness.

Psalms 137 VU 858-859 By the rivers of Babylon, we wept.

2nd Timothy 1: 1–14 A faith that lived in your grandmother and mother.

Luke 17: 5–10 Faith as a mustard seed; we've done as we ought.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Message: Getting What Jesus Wants from Us

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation

🎵 **Response: "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" VU 544**
(Tune: Forest Green VU 518)

*In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

The Prayer of Dedication:

Holy One, may our hearts be attentive to your voice. Open our eyes to the needs of the world. Strengthen in us the mission and spirit of this faith community. Accept and use this offering towards furthering the reality of your realm on Earth through Jesus the Christ. **AMEN.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Please turn to the insert in your bulletin)

🎵 Hymn: ***“Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ”*** VU 468

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;
The People of Atlantic Canada;
City View UC, Nepean, ON;
Creation prays: sustain me!



Question of the Day:

Timothy is reminded of the faith that lived in his grandmother and mother, yet he is also called to do new things with his faith.

How do we cherish the gifts of the past but also find new and healthy ways to care for creation?

Oct. 14: On Friday, Oct 14th. St. James United Church is hosting a fundraiser at **North Stormont Place in Avonmore** featuring **Rev & the Choir Boys** - an evening of folk, country and gospel music along with a lot of humour. **Doors open at 6pm. Music begins at 7pm.** There will be a silent auction, a baking and preserves tables, a 50/50 draw along with a light lunch being served. **Tickets are \$15 in advance. \$20 at the door.** Limited number available. Tickets or more information: Rev Lois at 613-346-1648 or Nancy Wert at 613-346-5493.

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Minute for Mission



“We are one church in this global world”

Unity, justice, and peace for all is a big vision. And it’s one that more than 4,000 participants from over 120 countries joined together in September to help realize.

Fifteen United Church delegates participated in the World Council of Churches (WCC) Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany—the largest ecumenical gathering in the world.

The denomination has a long history with the WCC. The United Church has been there since its inception in 1948, and your generosity through Mission & Service (and its antecedents) has supported the work ever since.

It’s critical we are there.

Since its creation, the World Council of Churches has supported and inspired church participation in struggles for justice, peace, and creation. For example, in the late 60s the WCC Programme to Combat Racism led to taking a bold stand in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. Churches addressed the role of structural injustice in the economic and financial system in the service of apartheid through boycotting goods and calling for divestment from banks and enterprises collaborating with the apartheid system.

The WCC has used its collective voice in other areas of justice as well, including supporting efforts to bring an end to conflict in Sudan, the reunification of North and South Korea, and the defence of human rights in Latin America during decades of brutal military dictatorships.

Today, the WCC is advocating on key issues like nuclear disarmament, stateless peoples, children's rights, and racial justice at various levels of national and international governance. Since the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was adopted in 1992, the WCC has been present at all UN climate change conferences.

At the September 2022 meeting, Bishop Dr. Heinrich Bedford-Strohm of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria was elected as the new moderator of the WCC. In his speech, he encouraged churches to listen to the spirit calling them to unity.

“The church can never be provincial or national. The church is always universal. The church can only witness Jesus Christ when we make this visible: that we are one church in this global world,” he said. “Where people are suffering, where people cry out for justice, the church must be an agent to give them a voice and to make visible how the church can be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.”

Thank you for supporting worldwide ecumenical efforts to build a better world through Mission & Service.