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The Presbyterian Church

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**Worship Planner**

**5th Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 23th, 2024**

**Year B**

**Colour** *Green*

**Scripture Readings**

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and Psalm 9.9-20

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1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16 and Psalm 133

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Job 38:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13;

Mark 4:35-41

**Hymns**

304 – We praise you, Creator

420 – Praise, I will praise

72 – Oh give thanks, for God is gracious (Psalm 107)

93 – Oh look and wonder (Psalm 133)

728 – The storm is strong; we face the wind (Alternate tunes: 217, 2110

717 – We cannot own the sunlit sky

685 – How firm a foundation

**Call to Worship**

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

**God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

We see God’s wondrous works all around us,

**so we come to praise God’s holy name.**

Open wide your hearts in this time of worship!

**We lift our hearts to God with thanks and praise.**

**Prayers of Adoration** **and Confession**

Creator God,

we gather in wonder this day,

astonished by the complexity of all you have made,

acknowledging how small each of us is

in the midst of your world.

Yet your love gives us significance.

When we are overcome by forces beyond our control,

you speak words of peace.

When trouble or sorrow sets in,

you give us strength to persevere.

Source, Saviour and Spirit of life,

we offer you praise and honour, love and loyalty,

with our lips and with our lives, now and always. Amen.

**God, our hope and our help,**

**You call us to serve in the footsteps of Jesus,**

**but we confess we look to our own interests first.**

**You ask us to love our neighbours,**

**but we are good at finding fault in others.**

**You call us to do justice for the vulnerable,**

**but we hesitate to take a stand.**

**Forgive us.**

**Open our hearts to anyone in need,**

**and help us trust in your mercy – for them and for us.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

Give thanks for God’s generosity and share it with your neighbours.

**Prayer for Understanding**

God of wisdom, send your Holy Spirit to us as we listen for your Word. Inspire us through what we hear to act with the courage and compassion we meet in Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

**Invitation to the Offering**

The Scriptures teach us of the courage it takes to serve God. Giving takes courage, too. So give to God as you are able, trusting that God will honour your courage and generosity with the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, we offer our gifts with thankful hearts, grateful for your patience with us as your purposes unfold. Bless these gifts to accomplish your purposes throughout the world you love in the name of Christ, our Lord.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

God in whom we live and move and have our being:

As we consider the world around us today,

we are grateful to know you are near.

We thank you that your presence will not fail us,

no matter challenges we face.

We are aware of so many challenges –

in our own lives, the lives of those we care about, and in the world around us.

Help us trust that you never give up on situations

which we find overwhelming.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In faithful silence, we lay before you the concerns on our hearts this day:

We pray for those people and places who have been in the headlines this week,

and for all who cry out to you in situations we can’t even imagine:

*(Hold silence for 15 seconds)*

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are suffering from illness of any sort,

coping with pain or ongoing treatment,

for those waiting for or recovering from surgery,

and for those who are bereaved

or burdened by any deep loss:

*(Hold silence for 15 seconds)*

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are waiting for something significant –

a birth or a death, a trip or a visit,

a move, a new job or the moment of retirement.

Grant them patience, O God, in times of restless waiting:

*(Hold silence for 15 seconds)*

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for students and teachers,

and all who serve in educational settings.

As graduations take place,

and as summer marks a time for transition of many kinds,

bless all the learning that has occurred this year.

Grant rest and renewal to each learner and teacher.

*(Hold silence for 15 seconds)*

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless our congregation and it ministries,

its leaders and volunteers,

and the faithful work of all churches in our community.

Unite us in our witness to the love of Jesus.

Open our eyes to new possibilities to serve together

as we pray the words Christ taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

Go in the strength of the Lord and let Christ shoulder your burdens in every challenge, trusting that the Spirit will equip you to thrive.

And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

That you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP**

**MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, June 23**

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Newcomers Mission has faithfully been gathering and offering services and spiritual support to newly arrived immigrants and refugees in the Peterborough area since 2016. Like the soft, protective wings of a dove, the programming of Newcomers Mission provides refuge and care for people living through very difficult and vulnerable situations. One wing of the ministry represents the spiritual side through worship services, prayer meetings and house visits. The other wing is the social and cultural side, helping newcomers to access support services, obtain employment and provide English language teaching and translation services. The two wings work together so that the newcomers can succeed and belong.

**DAILY PRAYERS**

**Sunday, June 23** We give thanks for ministries like Newcomers Mission in Peterborough, ON that provides care and refuge for new Canadians seeking friendship and community.

**Monday, June 24** We give thanks for church fellowship programs that extend Christ’s friendship to those suffering from loneliness and isolation.

**Tuesday, June 25** We pray that God will grant graduates from our theological colleges to lead with enthusiasm, imagine with faith and discern with courage to follow where God leads.

**Wednesday, June 26** We give thanks for church communities that are caring for creation and taking steps to reduce their carbon footprint. We pray that we will reflect God’s love of creation every day.

**Thursday, June 27** We pray for courage to be a voice of change in our congregations and communities.

**Friday, June 28** We praise God for the volunteers who have served in our congregations all year. Pray that they may rest and recharge over the summer, ready to return again in the fall, to find more ways they can use their gifts to serve God’s mission.

**Saturday, June 29** Thank God for the hope brought to adults and youth receiving education, skills training and small business opportunities through PWS&D livelihoods programs.