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The Presbyterian Church

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**Worship Planner**

**7th Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 7th, 2024**

**Year B**

**Colour** *Green*

**Scripture Readings**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 148

OR

Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123;

2 Corinthians 12:2-10;

Mark 6:1-13

**Hymns**

814 – Morning has broken

324 – Great is thy faithfulness

32 – Within your temple, Lord – Psalm 48

485 – Saviour, like a shepherd lead us

782 – Isaiah the prophet has written of old

486 – The church of Christ, in every age (Alternate tune: 401)

761 – Who’s goin’ to tell the story

**Call to Worship**

Great is the LORD;

**and greatly to be praised.**

Praise God in cities and towns,

**praise God in all quiet places.**

Praise God on mountains and hilltops;

**praise God in every valley, on every plain and in the deeps.**

Let us raise our praise with all God’s creation;

**We will praise God’s holy name, here and everywhere, now and always.**

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

Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised.

You have made all things and called them good.

You created humans in your image,

and gave us a calling and a purpose.

You lift up leaders and send out disciples

to take part in your reconciling work in the world.

Your love is endless, your mercy without measure.

And so we praise you with heart, mind, strength and soul,

in the name of Jesus, your Son,

blessed by your Spirit,

working in us, with us, around us and beyond us.

**God of overflowing grace,**

**we confess we often take your blessing for granted.**

**Forgetting life is a precious gift,**

**we waste time on things that don’t matter.**

**We complain when things don’t go our way,**

**ignoring those who face even steeper challenges.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Renew our calling to share your abundant love**

**for Jesus’ sake.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ. Receive the mercy of God this day, and be at

peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

**Prayer for Understanding**

God of wisdom and warning, we long to hear your word for our times and our lives. By the power of your Spirit, open the Scriptures for us. Prepare us to be challenged and changed as we encounter Christ, your Living Word.

**Invitation to the Offering**

The Psalmist declares that the earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it. What we offer to God today is part of what God has given us. So give in faithfulness, trusting that God will provide for us and bless our efforts in Jesus’ name.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Faithful God, we bring our gifts with trusting hearts, seeking your blessing on the ministries these gifts support. Work through our gifts to touch the world with your healing grace through Christ, in whose name we offer ourselves to you. Amen.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Holy God,

In Jesus you reached out to so many different people,

with so many different needs, in so many different situations.

We thank you for all the ways you have reached out to us,

in the embrace of prayer,

in the energy of a song,

in thought sparked by a sermon,

and in the wisdom of Scripture or the words of a friend.

Sometimes your healing brings comfort;

sometimes it brings challenge and the call to respond.

Hear us as we seek your comfort and your challenge

for the world, for the church and for our own lives.

Bring comfort to those facing struggles this summer:

those whose crops have withered by the extremes of weather;

those who cannot find enough workers for their businesses

and workers who can’t find secure employment;

those whose housing is insecure,

and any who are losing hope that things will ever improve.

 *(Keep silence for 15 seconds.)*

Bring challenge to those whose decisions affect the well-being of the vulnerable,

to those who guide planning for housing and employment,

and those who respond to the changing climate and lives and livelihoods at risk

May your wisdom and compassion guide them.

Bring comfort to those who are lonely or shut in,

and to all who have lost beloved family members or friends in recent days.

Bring comfort to those who feel pain or anxiety without relief,

and those who wait for diagnosis or life-restoring treatment.

Offer peace to those who know there is no treatment

and wait in hope for your eternal welcome.

 *(Keep silence for 15 seconds.)*

Bring challenge to those want to make the world a better place,

and to all who work within science, medicine, and the law

to improve the quality of life for all people.

Give them a vision of their work that is both just and courageous,

so that no part of society is neglected or mistreated.

Challenge those who stir up violence and unrest

with a sense of shame for the cost to innocent lives,

and with a deeper understanding of what justice means.

Comfort your church

in places where ministries struggle, whatever the reason.

And challenge your church to renew our vision for ministry

so that our witness is faithful to your all-embracing love,

expressed not only in words but also in the actions we take.

Challenge us to embrace those who differ from us

and yet have a place in your heart and your eternal care.

Hear us now as we pray in the words you taught us, Jesus, saying:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

Go in faith into whatever the week ahead may hold,

sure that Christ walks with you.

And may the God who made us,

the Christ who mends us,

and the Spirit who gives us life bring you joy and peace,

now and always.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP**

**Mission Moment – Sunday, July 7**

In Yemen, the ongoing war, collapsed economy, and disrupted public services have led to one of the worst humanitarian situations in the world, which includes severe malnutrition, hunger, displacement and poverty. To address this, PWS&D, through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, has supported the distribution of essential food baskets to severely food-insecure households. Musa, a displaced man from Al-Hodeida, lives in cramped conditions with his family and struggles to make ends meet by selling water bottles. His wife requires surgery, adding to their financial strain. With the assistance received, Musa’s family improved their food security by purchasing fruits and vegetables. With essential food needs addressed, Musa can now redirect the money he earns towards improving sanitation facilities for their home.

**DAILY PRAYERS**

**Sunday, July 7** We pray for ministers and professional church workers coping with mental health issues that they will find support, encouragement and understanding.

**Monday, July 8** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kamloops.

**Tuesday, July 9** We pray for all the victims of the April earthquake in Taiwan, for their families, communities, frontline responders and for the healing of the land.

**Wednesday, July 10** We pray for the Women’s Missionary Society as its members plan to move forward in their endeavours to continue the work of mission locally and globally through prayers, study, service and fellowship.

**Thursday, July 11** We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as it discusses how the church can journey with people seeking to make Christ-centered decisions around medical assistance in dying.

**Friday, July 12** We pray for the people of Haiti during challenging times and lift up the partners, programs and participants supported by PWS&D, ensuring the vital work they do can continue.

**Saturday, July 13** We pray for Ukraine in the ongoing invasion. As the media moves onto many other wars that break our hearts, may we not forget all those who are caught in situations of conflict.