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The Presbyterian Church

in Canada

**Worship Planner**

**9th Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 21st, 2024**

**Year B**

**Colour** *Green*

**Scripture Readings**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Psalm 89:20-37

OR

Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**Hymns**

450 – Great Shepherd of your people, hear (Alternate tune 454)

528 – Jesus calls us here to meet him

54 – My song forever shall record (Psalm 89)

11 – The Lord’s my shepherd (Psalm 23)

585 – Christ, you call us all to service

734 – Lord of life and Lord of nations

472 – We are God’s people

688 – As water to the thirsty

**Call to Worship**

In moments of anxiety, God leads us to still waters.

**O God, we come to you.**

In moments of confusion, God leads us in right paths.

**O God, we come to hear your voice.**

In moments of loneliness, God is with us.

**O God, we come, seeking your love.**

In all our moments, God is with us.

**So we come to praise the One who restores our lives.**

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

God our Maker,

in summer we marvel at the world you have made,

the colours of sunrise and sunset filling the horizon,

the intricate beauty of flower gardens and natural parks,

the quiet dignity of a river in its course,

and the steadfast presence of a rock face carved over time.

You show us how each small piece of your creation

depends in many ways on all the others;

the quality of life on the respect we offer each another.

God our Maker, we join all creation to bring you praise,

honouring you and the relationships you have set between us all,

through Christ, firstborn of all creation. Amen.

**God our Maker,**

**though we marvel at your creation,**

**we confess we often take it for granted.**

**We prefer to live as if our lifestyles make no impact on the earth.**

**We resist reports that tell us otherwise.**

**We confess we don’t really want to change.**

**Yet we wonder if the way we live pleases you.**

**Forgive us for any harm we cause the earth.**

**Teach us how to live with love and respect**

**for you and your whole creation.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Colossians proclaims that in Christ, the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. God has made peace with us through the Cross of Jesus Christ. So in Christ, all things hold together. Accept the peace of Christ and make peace with one another in his name.

**Prayer for Understanding**

Send us your Holy Spirit, O God, to prepare us to receive your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing you, we may obey your will and follow your ways in the example of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

**Invitation to the Offering**

God’s goodness flourishes around us in this season of growth and re-creation. Our gifts to God are a token of our gratitude for all God’s goodness. These gifts help to share that goodness through the ministries we undertake in Jesus’ name.

**Prayer of Dedication**

God of goodness and growth, receive our gifts and gratitude for all you provide. Bless our gifts so that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, for the sake of Christ, our Friend and Saviour. Amen.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Good and generous God,

in Jesus Christ you came to us, promising life in abundance.

We give you thanks today for the abundant gifts we receive in him –

the assurance of your love day by day;

the relief of your mercy when we fail;

hope to sustain us when things seem bleak;

and peace when we trust ourselves to your eternal keeping.

For all these gifts and other blessings we recognize in our lives

we give you thanks in these moments of silence:

 *(Silence for 15 seconds)*

Generous God, we pray for all whose lives seem empty of joy

because the going is tough and friends seem far away…

because they are facing disappointment…

because sorrow and grief are keen this day…

 *(Silence for 15 seconds)*

Support each one in your abundant compassion.

Generous God,

we remember before you those who lives are empty of peace & hope

because they are struggling with illness or disability…

because they are facing violence or other forces beyond their control…

because discrimination is a daily risk or reality…

 *(Silence for 15 seconds)*

Send your peace and promise with signs of new possibility and real hope.

Generous God,

we remember before you those for whom life is frustrating

because they are without reliable work or secure housing…

because they have made poor choices and cannot find a way forward…

because what comes next does not seem clear…

 *(Silence for 15 seconds)*

Support each one in your abundant mercy and lead them in new paths

Good and generous God,

fill us with energy and compassion to reach out to those facing difficult times.

May we become the gift we have received in Jesus,

for it is in his name we pray, saying the words he taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

Walk in the brightness of God’s Word as you leave worship.

Look around at the seeds bearing fruit around you

and consider how you bear the fruit of God’s Word in your life.

May God the Spirit bring you growth;

May God the Son tend you with wisdom;

And God the Source of all life bless you with all you need to thrive.

**PPRAYER PARTNERSHIP**

**Mission Moment: Sunday, July 21**

In Pakistan, Jimtee is challenging cultural traditions in her community so that her daughter-in-law can remarry after Jimtee’s son’s death. As part of the Humanitarian, Early Recovery and Development project, she is learning how to confront long-held beliefs, particularly concerning underage marriages and gender roles within the household. Through the project, Jimtee recognized the injustices widows like her daughter-in-law, Mdam, faced. Determined to challenge tradition and ensure Mdam’s well-being, Jimtee advocated for Mdam’s remarriage despite social norms that wouldn’t allow it. She successfully arranged a match for Mdam, allowing her to start a new life. Jimtee’s actions demonstrated a new understanding of gender equality and women’s rights and are helping reshape the narrative surrounding widowhood in her community.

**DAILY PRAYERS**

**Sunday, July 21** We pray for those who are living with dementia and for their families and friends who love and support them.

**Monday, July 22** We pray for the people of Somalia who receive vital food assistance from PWS&D’s ecumenical local partner. May this support provide them with the sustenance they need to thrive and overcome the challenges they face.

**Tuesday, July 23** We pray for PCC camps that provide opportunities through summer programming for children and youth to experience outdoor adventures, meet lifelong friends and be affirmed in the love of God.

**Wednesday, July 24** We give thanks for the many ways Atlantic Mission Society members share Christ’s love in their communities, the Church and around the world.

**Thursday, July 25** We pray for survivors of conversion therapy who are seeking support to heal from trauma and shame.

**Friday, July 26** We pray for all who work in the medical profession to support health and healing.

**Saturday, July 27** We pray for students considering programs at The Presbyterian College, Montreal in the fall.