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The Presbyterian Church

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**Worship Planner**

**10th Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 28th, 2024**

**Year B**

**Colour** *Green*

**Scripture Readings**

2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Psalm 14

OR

2 Kings 4:42-44 and Psalm 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

**Hymns**

438 – When morning gilds the sky

368 – Let Christian faith and hope dispel

104 – Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure (Psalm 145)

7 – The foolish in their hearts deny (Psalm 14)

507 – Break now the bread of life

326 – Give to the wind thy fears

668 – Give us this day our daily bread

788 – Come, know my joy, the Maker says (Alternate tune 671)

**Call to Worship**

All God’s works give thanks to the Lord.

**We will lift up our voices in praise.**

The Lord is near to all who call upon God in truth.

**We will sing of God’s power and speak of God’s loving kindness.**

Let us worship God who is faithful in all things.

**Let us praise God’s holy name forever.**

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

Gracious and generous God,

We gather with grateful hearts,

amazed by the abundance in your creation,

abundance to share in food, in friendship and in faithfulness.

We gather with hopeful hearts,

seeking another taste of your love for us.

Your love is both mysterious and miraculous, O God,

with the power to transform times that overwhelm us

and lives that hunger for hope.

By the power of your Spirit, move among us in our worship.

Open before us the new possibilities you create for us

in Christ, the Bread of life, bread for our journeys.

**Gracious and Generous God,**

**we gather each week to be fed by your love,**

**trusting that you will embrace us.**

**We confess we are not nearly so generous with our love.**

**We are often suspicious of others,**

**fearful of what they seek from us.**

**We criticize what others do,**

**but rarely question our own motivations.**

**Forgive us, O God,**

**and awaken our generosity toward others.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The Letter to the Ephesians declares that Christ dwells in our hearts through faith,

for we are being rooted and grounded in his love. The forgiveness he offers is a gift of this love that is wider and deeper than we can ever imagine. Receive God’s forgiveness and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

**Prayer for Understanding**

Speak to us through the Scriptures this day, O God. By the power of your

Holy Spirit, give us a deeper understanding of your Word for our lives and our times, through Christ, the Living Word. Amen

**Invitation to the Offering**

The story of Jesus feeding the crowd with a few loaves and fishes is a parable of God’s power to multiply our gifts offered in Jesus’ name. So make your offering to God as you are able, and trust that God will create abundance from what we have to give.

**Prayer of Dedication**

God of abundant love, we offer our gifts to you willingly, and yet they seem so small in a world of great need. Bless and multiply them in your love. Surprise us with your power, working in us and through us, to accomplish worthy things in the name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. Amen.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

God of mystery and miracle,

You offer calm in our storms and challenge in our satisfaction.

We give you thanks for all the ways we have tasted your abundance,

in friendship and fellowship,

in food on our tables and protection on our streets.

Amid these everyday satisfactions,

keep us mindful of those who lack the necessities of life

and who find each day unpredictable and anxious.

Like Jesus’ disciples caught on the rocky sea, we fear the storms of life.

In the unrest around us, call out to us.

**Come near to us, and overcome our fear.**

Throughout the world and in our own communities,

we witness increased divisiveness

and hatred toward those considered a threat.

So many people face turmoil in war and upheaval.

In the unrest around us, call out to us.

**Come near to us, and overcome our fear.**

In so many countries and in our own neighbourhoods,

we witness great inequity

and deep need for even the staples of life.

In the unrest around us, call out to us.

**Come near to us, and overcome our fear.**

In our communities, congregations and families,

we witness uncertainty about the future

and hope for leaders who are wise and trustworthy.

In the unrest around us, call out to us.

**Come near to us, and overcome our fear.**

In our own lives and the lives of so many others,

we witness depression and anger,

anxiety and despair.

We pray that you will calm the turbulence within and around us.

In the unrest around us, call out to us.

**Come near to us, and overcome our fear.**

We hold before you in these moments of silence

the people and places in need of your healing presence this day.

*(Silence for twenty seconds)*

In the unrest around us, call out to us.

**Come near to us, and overcome our fear.**

In the face of what all that may trouble us, we thank you for your steadfast love and faithful presence, the calm centre we can claim in Jesus’ name, and so we offer the prayer he taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

Go in peace, with Christ as your friend and companion.

So may the peace of Christ attend you day by day,

The power of the Spirit give you the strength you need,

And the grace of God assure you that you will never walk alone.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP**

**MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, July 28**

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, ARISE Ministry provides compassionate outreach and spiritual care to survivors of sexual exploitation, trauma, and abuse in the Greater Toronto Area. This past spring, ARISE partnered with the production company of “Angel’s Bone,” the Pulitzer Prize-winning opera that follows two vulnerable youths who are lured into exploitative relationships by their traffickers. Along with members of the production team, ARISE engaged in an awareness and education campaign about human trafficking in Canada leading up to the performances. ARISE was also present for Q&A sessions after each performance to provide context for the show and to highlight ongoing efforts in Toronto and Canada to combat trafficking.

**DAILY PRAYERS**

**Sunday, July 28** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

**Monday, July 29** We pray for those who are lonely and lack satisfying fellowship in their lives and that God will open our hearts and eyes to the needs of those around us.

**Tuesday, July 30 (World Day Against Trafficking in People)** We give thanks for ARISE Ministry and the work they are doing to raise awareness of human trafficking in Canada, while offering care and support to survivors.

**Wednesday, July 31** We pray for congregations that do not have the resources to call a minister. May they find new and joyful ways to worship and serve Christ.

**AUGUST**

**Thursday, August 1 (Emancipation Day)** On Emancipation Day, we pray for those that fight systemic racism and for an end to all forms of slavery.

**Friday, August 2** We pray for the World Communion of Reformed Churches, for our current representatives and for those being nominated as delegates for the 2025 General Council that will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

**Saturday, August 3** We pray for Kate Davis, who teaches at VST this month. May God bless those who attend classes with resilience and the resulting grace of joyful endurance in the work of ministry.