

The United Church of Canada

Lennoxville United Church

Website: lennoxvilleunitedchurch.com

July 1st, 2018

Pentecost 7: To Belong

Order of Worship

10:00

Worship Leader: Rev. Linda Buchanan

Organist & Choir Director: Maryse Simard

Office Administrator: Debbie Harrison

Reader: Michael Eby

Ushers on duty: Inge Lunkenbein & Eric Nutbrown

Stewards: Phil Davidson & Ken Porter

We Gather,

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Pastorale" (by Philip Hayes and Charles Wesley)

Call to Worship

This land is your land.

This land is my land.

This land is God's land!

From east to west, from north to south, from ocean to ocean,
we gather to worship as people have in this land
since before Canada was a nation, since before the settlers arrived.

And as we come to worship in this place, God already was, already is,
already here!

In this great land, in this holy space, let us join our voices and spirits with those past and present of all generations and all faiths
who come together to praise God!

Hymn: “Let Us Build a House”

MV 1 (V1, 2, 5)

Gathering Prayer

Creating God, as we gather on this day we reflect on the past and hopes of this country called Canada. We remember and give thanks for the people who have been the stewards of this land since time immemorial, and commit ourselves to the work of justice, healing, and reconciliation. Together we dream about the country that we hope to become, a country where all are free to be their best selves. Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

As proud as we are of our country, Lord of all, we know it could be better. We know we could be better. We know that there could be reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples of Canada and better relationships among those of all faiths. We need your compassion in our communities and in our country. We need your imagination, your vision of a country and a world transformed. Instead we have made idols for ourselves of culture, race, status, and material wealth.

We have made gods that are no gods.

Forgive us, Spirit of justice and true peace.

Reconcile, restore, redeem us, Merciful One.

Turn us to the face of Christ and give us your grace, we pray. Amen.

To Hear the Word of God

Time for the Young and Young @ Heart: Living out Reconciliation
(Water protectors)

**Hymn: “This Path We Walk Tune”
(Lyrics by Rev S. Curtis Tufts)**

(Tune VU372)

**This path we walk, through joy and tears,
a living Way of faith and fears,
through each step’s risk, each sorrow’s pain,
when walked in love, we’ll rise again.**

**When life is shared, together, free
we’ll grow to be all we can be:
a circle wide will call us home,
when wrapped in love, we’re not alone.**

**These gifts we bring, this light we hold,
our songs of grace, our stories told,
remain un-done, told just in part,
till shared in love, and known by heart.**

**When life is shared, together bound,
God’s richest gifts, together found;
together walk the Spirit’s Way
when love’s the guide, we shall not stray.**

**This life we share, a blessing deep;
a promised gift, now ours to keep.
God grant our words were spoken true,
now clothed in life, each day anew.**

A Reading from Paul’s 2nd Letter to the Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.

For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one

has—not according to what one does not have.

I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Reader: The Living Word for us this day.

All: We listen with our hearts, our minds and our spirits.

Sermon: Blessed to be a Blessing

And to Respond.

Reflective Music: “Adagio” (by Benedetto Marcello)

Minute for Mission: Radical Welcome

The Offering: “Lied” (by Floor Peeters)

Offering Hymn:

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” VU541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Give thanks to God in love made know:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of dedication: Practicing Generosity

We bring before you, God, our gifts- gifts of or labours, gifts from our hearts, gifts that remind us that life is to be shared with others as we face our hopes and our challenges.

**Bless these offerings, and the spirit in which they have been given.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People and for the People

Our Father VU960

Life and Ministries of Our Community

Hymn: “May the God of Hope Go with Us” VU424

Commissioning & Final Blessing

Postlude: “Te Deum”
(Prelude by Marc-Antoine Charpentier 1634 - 1704)

Our sincere condolences to

Bonnie Juby-Smith, Haydn and Taylor, and Beatrice and Malcolm Juby, in the recent death of their husband, father and son-in-law, Gary John Smith. A private service will be held at a later date at the East Bolton Cemetery in Austin.

THE CHURCH AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Wed. 8:45 AM Calorie Counters Meeting – Lounge.

Sun. 10:00 AM Worship with

Rev. Linda Buchanan & Rev. Samuel Dansokho.

Advanced Notice: Moe's River Strawberry – Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 8th from 2 – 5 pm on the lawn of the Moe's River Church.

In addition to the ice cream, strawberries and other usual goodies, there will be raffles and many local musicians will be playing all afternoon, for you listening, visiting and dancing pleasure.

Valet parking will be available in the Mill yard and in Ron Haseltine's yard. Please bring your own chair. See you there!

You are invited to the Grace Village 1 year Anniversary - Strawberry Social. It is on Saturday July 21 at 2:00 pm. at Grace Village Grand Hall & Gardens (1515 rue Pleasant View, Sherbrooke, QC J1M 0C6

819-569-0546 ext 5007

Please RSVP by July 17th to rsvp@masscom.ca or the Recreation & Leisure Office at Grace Village.

Did you know - that services are recorded and available on the Lennoxville United Church website (lennoxvilleunitedchurch.com) under Past Services or on the far left menu under Sermons and Music.

Lennoxville United Church Summer Schedule

July 8 – LUC – Rev. Linda & Rev. Samuel

July 15 – LUC – Rev. Linda & Rev. Samuel

July 22 – LUC – Rev. Samuel

July 29 – LUC – Rev. Linda

August 5 – PT – Rev. Samuel

August 12 – PT – Rev. Linda

August 19 – PT – Rev. Samuel

August 26 – PT – Rev. Samuel & Rev. Linda