

Welcome / Announcements

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Land Acknowledgement

May righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more (Ps 72:7).

We acknowledge with gratitude the gift of this place and the original peoples. We gather on the traditional and unceded territory of the Lkwungen people – the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ. Today this land is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island, including survivors and intergenerational family members who have been impacted by the legacy of the residential school system. We honour them too, as we stand committed to be partners in healing, reconciliation, and justice.

As the wise ones of old carefully observed the heavens before immersing themselves in a journey across the land, let us examine where we are and all who share this watershed, *that the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known (Eph 3:10).*

□ *Dance with the Spirit*

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Call to Worship

People of God, hope in the Lord

The Holy One hears us and welcomes us as God's own!

We are as sure of God's faithfulness as we are that the sun rises each morning.

The Lord who loves us unconditionally will lift us up and keep us in God's care.

Together, let us worship God with joy!

□ *Holy, holy, holy*

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Gathering Prayer / The Lord's Prayer / Words of Hope

Living and faithful Spirit – God in whom we live and move and have our being – God made known in Christ Jesus, bless us one and all as we wait on you this day. Remove from our minds and hearts whatever impediments hinder our worship or dampen our joy. Increase within us that holy longing for closeness which can open our lives to fuller delight and to a deeper commitment. May our hymns and prayers, our searching thoughts, and our hearing of Scripture, sustain and nourish us for the days ahead.

If you were to keep a tally of our sins, O God, who could stand? Mercifully you promise unlimited forgiveness as we come to you in worship. We offer our confession in silence...

Holy One, generous forgiveness comes from you. Grant us we pray wholeness of body, mind and spirit as we prayer together in Jesus' name... ***Our Father, who art in heaven – hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come – thy will be done – on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen***

Jesus reminds us that our faith has made us well. Go in peace and be healed of your dis-ease. Thanks be to God!

□ ***When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee*** 203

Prayer for Understanding

Loving God, open our eyes and our ears to the wonder of your Word so that we may be changed as we grow in understanding. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Scripture **Psalm 130** responsive/displayed

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in the Lord's word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with the Lord is great power to redeem.

It is the Lord who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 [NT 183]

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."

Mark 5:21-43 [NT 39]

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."

Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, '*Who touched me?*'"

He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?"

But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion,

people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.”

And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!”

And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Friends, listen to what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Message

□ *Oh, I know the Lord’s laid his hands on me* 579

Offering and Prayer

The stories of Scripture remind us how much we need God’s healing love and mercy in times of loss and loneliness. Our gifts to God support ministries of care and compassion through our congregation and the mission of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Consider your gift as an outreach to those in deepest need.

□ *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* 306

Compassionate God, we offer our gifts with grateful hearts, glad to know you keep reaching out to the world you love. Bless what we bring. Use us and our gifts to touch the world with your healing grace through Jesus, our Saviour and friend. Amen

Pastoral Prayers

Holy One, you are our source of peace and healing, and we are grateful. Today we pray for each one who faces choices and decisions about their health – those trying to maintain healthy eating habits and exercise routines – all who are waiting for appointments – any who find caring for their health frustrating – and for all facing pain or anxiety day by day.

In all our struggles and good intentions, bring healing, strength, and peace.

Divine Creator, you are our source of wisdom and generosity, and we are grateful. Today we pray for each one facing hard choices about finances – those struggling with bills and budgets – any who are torn between covering necessities and enjoying a treat – all who want to be generous and yet feel overwhelmed by the need they see in the world.

*In all our struggles and good intentions, **bring healing, strength, and peace.***

Compassionate God, you are our source of love and forgiveness, and we are grateful. Today we pray for each one facing choices about their relationships. We pray for people we ought to call but just haven't – those with whom we feel a grievance and have been avoiding – anyone we'd like to invite into closer relationship but haven't yet – and everyone we miss dearly and need to tell how much we cherish them.

*In all our struggles and good intentions, **bring healing, strength, and peace.***

Merciful Spirit, you are the source of rest and right relationship for the whole creation, and we are grateful. We pray for the earth – its many creatures and habitats competing for survival – for scarce resources and abundant beauty. Challenge us to live out our good intentions for the earth in our lifestyle choices – big and small – so that your desire for all creation may be fulfilled.

*In all our struggles and good intentions, **bring healing, strength, and peace. Amen***

□ *The love of God comes close*

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Blessing

Remembering that the universe is much larger than our ability to comprehend, let us go forth in wonder – opening our minds and hearts to the healing of Jesus in our midst. And may the grace of the risen Christ, the love of God and the nurturing community of the Holy Spirit embrace us all. Amen

□ *Go now in peace, never be afraid*