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<u>Lectionary for today</u> Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u> Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42
<i>We welcome Randy Breckenridge and Hugh Ellis who are leading us in worship today supported by the voices of Cindy Doucet, Marlene Noel, Carol Abfalter and Rhonda Chiasson – Thank you!</i>	

*The asterisk * identifies those times in the service where the congregation is invited to stand as able.*

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & CALL TO WORSHIP
(responsively)

...As we light this candle, may it be a light to guide our journey

The Christ Candle is lit.

...may it be both a plumb line and a compass for us

May we walk in its light and share its warmth

We offer our gratitude for all the gifts of creation

We come to share, support and receive the gifts of the Spirit with open and welcoming hearts

Let our spirits soar in the knowledge that we are loved today and always

May the Spirit be with us as we strive to be a good neighbour to all.

Thanks be to God!

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP – “Praise to the Lord”

Psalm 113 - VU 835 vs. 1

Praise to the Lord, all of you, God’s servants.

Blessed by the name of our God now and ever.

From the rising up of the sun

may the Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!

GATHERING PRAYER IN SONG: (the guest choir)

"Speak O God "

- words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

-words adapted by Rev. Rick Gunn

***GATHERING HYMN – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” VU #333**

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF HUMILITY – *(unison)*

Lord, we come before you today mindful of who we are and the times we have failed to live into our calling as active servants of your message. We ask for your pardon and for the strength of will and character that will prepare us to be better and active partners in your plan for our lives. Make us mindful of the needs of those on this journey with us, in our families, in our community and in our world. Lord, hear our prayer.
Amen

CHORAL RESPONSE – “How Deep the Peace” MV #95

***How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed.***

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER** *(responsively)*

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY- “Will you be my neighbour?”

***SINGING A SONG** – “Teach Me, God, to Wonder” VU #299

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.

Refrain:

*Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.*

Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me.

Refrain

Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take.

Refrain

Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet.

Refrain

GIFT OF MUSIC - “10,000 Reasons” *(guest choir)*

*- words and music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redmond
and arranged by Lloyd Larson.*

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Amos 7: 7-17 – Vision of the Plumb Line

Luke 10: 25-37 – The Good Samaritan

MESSAGE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “Agnes Dei - How Great Thou Art” (*guest choir*)
- *Words and music by Michael W. Smith and Stuart K. Hine*
- *Arranged by Joel Raney*

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Catherine Eddy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***OFFERING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

**We offer but a portion of what you God have given to us.
We offer it in humility and thanksgiving.
We provide these gifts in an effort to be better neighbours
at home and farther afield.
May they be an expression of our devotion to you and
the belief that together we can make this a better
and more caring world.
Amen**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER – VU #921 (*in unison*)

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” VU #509

I, The Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

*BLESSING

***CHORAL CLOSING** – “May the God of Peace” MV #224

***May the God of peace and of all good,
may the God of peace and of all good
be always with you. Amen!
May God’s peace be with you. Amen!***

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

POSTLUDE

Church News

The summer church office hours are now in effect – open Monday to Thursday – 9 AM to 3 PM – closed on Friday.

The office will close early on Tuesday, July 12th - 2:15 PM

We are looking for volunteers to be Greeters for the rest of July and August and September. If you don't feel you can commit for the whole month, then 2 weeks would be appreciated. Please contact Margaret at the church office (506-546-3532) to arrange dates you would be available. We are also in need of Counters for the month of August. Thank you in advance for your consideration of coverage of these duties.

Peanut Butter Update - As of July 6th, 2022, 186 jars of Peanut Butter has been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. **Our goal is 900 jars for the year** and we currently have **420** including what has been purchased with monetary donations.

Purses Plus – The Community Outreach Sub Team extends thanks to all who generously contributed supplies to our new project. Passage House currently has sufficient toys for children, but would appreciate books in both languages. They always need hand sanitizer and nail clippers along with baby supplies (wipes – diapers – shampoo- etc.). Thank you again.

Community News

St. George's Anglican Church will be hosting the Hospitality Days Breakfast on Saturday, July 16th from 8:00 – 10:00 AM. Tickets will be sold in advance at \$ 8.00 for Adults and \$ 4.00 for children under 12. To get your tickets contact the Church Office at 546-3225



SCRIPTURE READINGS *(New International Version)*

AMOS 7: 7-17

7 This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand.

8 And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?"

"A plumb line," I replied.

Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

9 "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

Amos and Amaziah

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words.

11 For this is what Amos is saying:

"Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land."

12 Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there.

13 Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

14 Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees.

15 But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

16 Now then, hear the word of the LORD. You say,

"Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop preaching against the descendants of Isaac.'

17 "Therefore this is what the LORD says:

"Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword.

Your land will be measured and divided up, and you yourself will die in a pagan country. And Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land."

LUKE 10: 25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."