

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD

11 am Sunday 2022 07 24

WE GATHER

PRELUDE *a time of quiet reflection*

Hymn **Be still and know** **#64**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HYMN **Let There be Light** **#727**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come before God with thanks and praise.

All: We praise God’s enduring love and faithfulness.

One: We lift up our prayers to God with confidence.

All: We have faith that God will respond to our prayers.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn **O Breath of life** **#384**

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

TANAKH* Genesis 18:20–32 [B#14/W#15]¹

TANAKH Psalm 138 [B#577/W#639]

EPISTLE Colossians 2:6–19 [B#200/W#214]

GOSPEL Luke 11:1–13 [B#72/W#74]

May God bless our understanding of this, God’s holy word. **The word of the Lord.**

MESSAGE **Persistence** **Rev. Dolson**

HYMN **Speak, Lord, in the stillness** **#442**

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO GOD

QUOTE Be a gift to everyone who enters your life, and to everyone whose life you enter. Neale Donald Walsch, author, actor

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE, BLESSING OF GIFTS

HYMN **This is my Father’s world** **#328**

TO GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Amen** **#766**

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¹ Page #'s for pew bibles with Blue or White edged pages

*Tanakh, an acronym derived from the names of the three divisions of the Hebrew Bible: Torah (Instruction, or Law, also called the Pentateuch), Nevi'im (Prophets), and Ketuvim (Writings). Resources: PCC Worship Planner, Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary and Companion, <https://www.workingpreacher.org/>

Morning Prayer

Thank you, God of light, for waking me up this morning. May I live wholly for you this day, that whatever I say and do might help to shine your light into the world. Open my eyes to your goodness and my heart to your children. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of this day, its challenges and its blessings, its burdens and its delights. Forgive my failures and refine my heart, that I may greet the new day to live more faithfully for you. Amen.

Daily Prayer

Jesus Christ, teach me to pray, and to trust the hospitality of God for my daily bread, as our ancestors who ate manna in the wilderness. Let me be hospitable, and as God gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to me, let me give good gifts to those who are in need. Amen.

July 24 We pray for those who have been uprooted by conflict in Afghanistan and give thanks for the emergency assistance that Presbyterians in Canada are providing them through PWS&D.

July 25 We give thanks and pray for churches that are striving to live more lightly on the Earth by taking steps to improve energy efficiency in church buildings and by developing community gardens.

July 26 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Assiniboia in Saskatchewan.

July 27 We pray for the ministry, staff and campers at Presbyterian camps across the country.

July 28 We give thanks and pray for musicians and singers in congregations who help to lead our praise of God.

July 29 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

July 30 *World Day Against Trafficking in Persons* We pray for an end to all forms of human trafficking.

Readings next week

Genesis 1:24-31; Romans 8:1-4; John 3:16; 5:22-2

MISSION MOMENT: In Afghanistan, Samaaneh was born with hemiplegia, a form of muscle paralysis that affects one side of the body. Samaaneh's father worked as a teacher and made enough money to support his wife and three children, and pay for Samaaneh's physiotherapy. After the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, the family fled to Pakistan. While they were able to find refuge in a cramped one-bedroom house, Samaaneh's father couldn't find work, and the family had very little access to financial resources. Through PWS&D, with ACT Alliance, Samaaneh's family received cash assistance to help with essential items. Samaaneh's father has used some of the money to arrange for his daughter to have physiotherapy as well.

Ukraine Crisis Appeal: There are many ways to take additional action to assist them during this difficult time.

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance are receiving donations through **PWS&D** to respond to the invasion of Ukraine. www.WeRespond.ca/Ukraine-Crisis and www.redcross.ca For information on how to get involved in advocacy initiatives <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/>

We are delighted to announce special music has been arranged for our anniversary service on August 22nd.

Martha Lawrance, Certified Therapeutic Harp Practitioner (CTHP), a local Bayfield harpist will share her musical gifts.

Your **contributions** to the ongoing work of the church are appreciated. The **June** financial reports: income \$3,670, expenses \$5,825, with the year-to-date deficit \$7,109.

Your financial offerings can be made with post-dated cheques, PAR, and e-transfer. For more information reach out to: Brenda 519-524-8645 brmclean@hurontel.on.ca

Questions for Reflection

This week's lectionary texts all say that the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah were arrogance, excess food and leisure, injustice and inhospitality, and not helping the poor and oppressed. Why do you think church leaders in the Middle Ages and in modern times went against the Bible to teach that the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was "homosexuality" (a word not invented until the late nineteenth century)?

The **book discussion and the Alpha video series** will pause while Rev Lisa is on holiday.

Dates to note:

31 July & 7 August Marten Dykstra, pulpit supply

22 August Anniversary Communion Sunday with special musical guest, Martha Lawrance

Our outreach to the BAFB continues with the focus on rice and peanut butter in July. All donations are accepted, of course. Bring non-perishable food donations or personal care items for the BAFB. Donated items are collected in the basket in the back pew and taken to the Food Bank for distribution.

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