

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD**

**11 am Sunday 2022 07 31**

**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** **God of mercy, God of grace** **#39**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are children of God, learning to walk

**All: Day by day, we are learning to be the church**

One: God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk

**All: God loves us, leads us, and feeds us**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

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

**Hymn** **Great is thy faithfulness** **#324**

**TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

TANAKH\* Genesis 1:24-31 [B#1/W#1]<sup>1</sup>

EPISTLE Romans 8:1-4 [B#157/W#164]

GOSPEL John 3:16; 5:22-24 [B#94/W#96]

GOSPEL John 5:22-24 [B#96/W#99]

May God bless our understanding of this, God's holy word.

**The word of the Lord.**

**HYMN** **Blessed Assurance** **#867**

**MESSAGE** **JOHN 3:16** **Martin Dykstra**

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

**THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO GOD**

**QUOTE** For it is in giving that we receive. Francis of Assisi  
– friar, deacon, mystic

**PRAYERS OF PEOPLE, BLESSING OF GIFTS**

**HYMN** **Onward Christian Soldiers** **#487**

**TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

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

A warm welcome to **Marten Dykstra** as he provides  
pulpit supply on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 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**

Loving God, as I embark on the adventure of this new day, I imagine you as my mother/father. You teach me to walk with cords of human kindness and love, with a tether as you guide me along. I will trust that I will have enough when I give a little to those in need. Amen

### **Evening Prayer**

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day. Thank you for bringing me home to you. As I fall asleep, I will consider your steadfast love for me and repeat with my breathing, "You are rich toward me, and I am rich toward you. You are rich toward me, and I am rich toward you." Amen.

### **Daily Prayer**

Holy One, you see me for just who I am and you love me. In your enduring love I am able to see both my guilt and my acquittal. Gracious God, continue to guide me and teach me to walk in your ways. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

July 31 We pray for Montreal West Presbyterian Church as the congregation works to uplift and empower youth to participate fully in the life of the church.

August 1 We pray for those enjoying vacations. May they find their souls restored by God's green pastures and still waters (Psalm 23).

August 2 We pray for health-care workers at the Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi, a partner of PWS&D, as they provide nutrition and educational support to vulnerable children and their guardians.

August 3 We pray for those who serve in interim ministries as they work with congregations in transition by helping to discern God's future for mission and ministry.

August 4 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the house churches in the Cariboo region of British Columbia. We give thanks for their mission and ministry.

August 5 We give thanks and pray for the Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Orillia. She serves as the PCC representative on the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum for Justice and Peace.

August 6 Anniversary of the 1945 bombing of Hiroshima We remember the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, and we pray for a world without nuclear weapons.

**Questions for Reflection** Sometimes divine love includes judgment- the judgment of God is love. What do you think might be the only way that we can be rejected or separated from that divine love? Would God reject us, or would we reject God's love?

**Mission Moment:** God has done amazing things at Montreal West Presbyterian Church in Quebec! Over the past few years, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, the church has transitioned into a thriving multicultural ministry filled with energy and hope. Though the congregation has already done much good work in bringing a new vision and vitality to the church, they aren't stopping there. They have their sights set to the future, wholeheartedly embracing youth ministry and seeing and treating their youth as the leaders of tomorrow. This new focus on youth ministry has youth participating in all levels of governance and worship leadership, and the transformation continues.

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Mark 12: 41-44; John 12: 1-7**

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