



Summer Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026 | 10:30am

Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

Prayer candles are available in the north transept if you would like to light one as part of your prayer this morning.
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*Stand as you are able

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Prelude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ

Les barricades mystérieuses -Couperin

Ringling of the Trinity

We Gather in the presence of God - Creator, Christ, and Spirit

Welcome

Paula Zanella Antunes

*If joining on Facebook Live or YouTube we invite you to say hello to everyone
by posting a comment to the live stream.*

Gathering Song

God Welcomes All

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMBA AMEN

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Childcare is provided at this time - Godly Play resumes September 8

***Summoning Prayer**

Words in third stanza are from Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

Gather us in... from homes and from cottages, from work and from play, that we might rest in the company of friends.

Gather us in... from sandy beaches and waterfront boardwalks, from peaceful porches and tourist-filled sidewalks, that we might celebrate life as the people of Jesus.

Gather us in... to remember the good news of our calling: to love the God you did not make up with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and the second like unto it: to love the neighbour you also did not make up as if that person were your own strange and peculiar self. Do this, and you will live.

As we rest and celebrate, may we discover wonder in creation, humility in our knowing, and joy in the gift of being alive. Amen.

*** Hymn Impartial, Compassionate God of all lives (St Denio)**

Impartial, compassionate, God of all lives,
In Christ you have shown us your love actualized,
Incarnate and weak in the arms of the poor,
destroying all systems that keep closed the door.

Unholy, unjustified fear we incite,
When we shun our neighbours yet cling to our rights.
Your children still wander the streets left in pain,
We pass laws against them to show our disdain.

Creator of beauty, we stand not in pride,
We do not assume that you will stay on our side.
For yours is the sacred untarnished by sin,
A refuge for outcasts that all may come in.

Our hope is your freedom for both great and small,
to strive for perfection and know all means all.
We challenge each question each law without grace,
Affirming the image of Christ on each face.

All honour we give you, O help us to see,
Your children are worthy to claim victory.
And so let our actions flow out of our praise,
To seek transformation, your kingdom to raise.

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Summer Reading from Job 38-42

Through the summer, we will read the closing chapters in the book of Job. These chapters depict Job waking-up to the world around him as God presents Job a new and more expansive vision of God, humanity, and Creation. God speaks not with

answers or explanations, but with invitations to notice: notice the dawn, notice the rain, notice the stars, notice the ostrich, notice Leviathan. What emerges is not a solution to suffering, but a re-enchantment of the world.

Job 40:1-14

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- ^{40:1} And the LORD said to Job:
² “Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?
Anyone who argues with God must respond.”
³ Then Job answered the LORD:
⁴ “See, I am of small account; what shall I answer you?
I lay my hand on my mouth.
⁵ I have spoken once, and I will not answer,
twice but will proceed no further.”
⁶ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
⁷ “Gird up your loins like a man;
I will question you, and you declare to me.
⁸ Will you even put me in the wrong?
Will you condemn me that you may be justified?
⁹ Have you an arm like God,
and can you thunder with a voice like God’s?
¹⁰ “Deck yourself with majesty and dignity;
clothe yourself with glory and splendour.
¹¹ Pour out the overflowings of your anger,
and look on all who are proud and humble them.
¹² Look on all who are proud and bring them low;
tread down the wicked where they stand.
¹³ Hide them all in the dust together;
bind their faces in the world below.
¹⁴ Then I will also acknowledge to you
that your own right hand can give you victory.

***Doxology - OLD HUNDREDTH**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Donations

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Gospel Parable: Luke 14:15-24

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^{14:15}One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

¹⁶Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’ ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ ¹⁹Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ ²⁰Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ ²²And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ ²³Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’ ”

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection: Summer Practices Series

The Practice of Encountering Others

Rusty Edwards

Prayers of the People

Luke Dowding

Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, 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, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

***Hymn**

Love Astounding (Holy Manna)

Words: Jeannette Lindholm

Music: William Moore, Columbian Harmony (1825)

Love astounding, love confounding limits fearful minds impose.
Love renewing, love pursuing every heart until it knows
love's transforming, healing goodness, love's abiding, gentle grace,
love's endurance, love's assurance, love's consoling, strong embrace.

Love receiving, love believing, we rejoice with thanks and song!
 Faith regaining, hope proclaiming; love has taught us, we belong!
 Safe within love's tender keeping, safe from fear's persistent call.
 Love defending, love unending, love of God enfolding all.

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Benediction

Rusty Edwards

Sending Song

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SENDING SONG Irregular
 Capo 3: (D) (D/F#) (G)
 F F/A Bb

As you go out from here, may the Lord go
 with you. The face of God shine on you ev - 'ry day.
 We are sent by God wher - ev - er we are liv - ing,
 salt and light as peo - ple of the Way.

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Postlude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ

Ama Namin (The Lord's Prayer- instrumental) - Leander Mendoza

SUMMER @ FBCH

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10:30am
Sunday Worship

Office Closed:
July 1 - Canada Day | August 3 - Natal Day

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