

To grow with others in relationship with Jesus Christ, so that we all feel loved and share God's love.

September 14, 2025 - 10:30 a.m. Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*please stand as you are able

□ PRELUDE

Prelude Pastorale in G Major by Lefebure-Wely

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

The Time of Centering: We use this time to make the transition between "getting here" and "being here." Take these few moments of quiet to get in touch with the calm places, the still, deep places in you where God dwells. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind. Take a deep breath in and say "Jesus." Take a deep breath out and let go of any thoughts. Repeat. Be aware of being with others. Feel the spirit of community in this moment of silence.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: we gather at the bold and bright sounds of instrument and voice.

All: We come to worship the God of all creation.

One: We gather amidst the greetings of friends and strangers.

All: We come to worship the God who makes us all one in the sharing of our faith.

One: We gather in the solitude of reflection and the quiet of prayer.

All: We come to worship the God whose Word

speaks to us and through us.

One: Praise be to God...

All: whom all blessings flow.

*JHYMN Immortal, invisible, God only wise No.290

OPENING PRAYER

PAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.
Lord, we would follow you.
Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.
Forgive us when, distracted we lose our way.
Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold, the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold.
Lord, we would follow you

wherever you might lead.

Lord, we would follow you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON PRAYER OF CONFESSION PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*] HYMN Tell me the stories of Jesus No.348

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your Word with joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 14 OT pg.495

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC God so loved the world by Stainer

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10 NTpg.78

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*J HYMN

Precious Lord, take my hand No. 675

OFFERING

Cantate Domino by Buxtehude (excerpt)

*J DOXOLOGY 448 O God beyond all praising (vs. 1)

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word; we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION
THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

*JHYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say No.671

- *SENDING
- *BENEDICTION
- * SUNG BENEDICTION

Thanks we give and adoration for the gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.

May your presence, may your presence with us evermore be found

Following the sung benediction, feel free to make your way to the Glebe Community Room for refreshments or to the back of the sanctuary to greet the minister or to remain seated to listen to the postlude.

□ POSTLUDE

Six Studies in Canonic Form, Op. 56 by Robert Schumann: i. Nicht zu schnell

☐: Choir/Organ/Piano music

🙏: Prayer

: Congregational music : Scripture Reading

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Sylvia Mclean

Usher: Chris Rockingham
Coffee Hour: Isobel and Paola

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to worship at Leaside Presbyterian Church.
 We hope you had a wonderful summer. Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful to be connected as we worship together. A reminder that the service is being recorded and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- Please join us following worship for refreshments and fellowship in Glebe Community Room and for our virtual coffee hour following worship if you are online.
- Come join us for an online twenty-minute guided meditation every Wednesday at 9:00am. Discover the gift of inhabiting the present moment more fully as we seek to grow more aware of God's loving presence that abides with us. Please speak to Paul or email paul@leasidepc.ca for a Zoom link.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday September 20th, 9:30am - 11:30am, at Leaside Presbyterian Church with **Dr. Katherine Piderman**, retired chaplain of the Mayo Clinic and associate professor in the Mayo College of Medicine in Rochester, MN.

Katherine will speak about "Hear My Voice," a project she created for patients at the Mayo Clinic to help them craft a personal spiritual legacy to share with loved ones. Please register by sending Paul an email so we have an idea on how many people to welcome.

 Our church BBQ will be held on Sunday September 28th following worship. Please sign up to volunteer in the binder outside of the church office.

- Welcome to our new church administrator, Touba Katebi. She will be in the church office Tuesday -Fridays from 10am - 2:30pm. Thank you to Grace, Mary, Caroline, Chris, and Lisa for serving on the interview committee.
- New members' classes will be offered starting in October. If you would like to become a member of Leaside PC, please speak to Paul or to an elder.
- Happy birthday to Chris D., Jo A., Carol H, Steve S., and Sarah K.. and to all who will be celebrating birthdays this week.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility this land on which Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers. Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship on this land. Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting this land from those who have gone before us.

Wherever we are, we recognize the responsibility of caring for this land to pass on to those who come after us. We are grateful for this gift of being on this land.