

Leaside Presbyterian Church

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

September 21, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*please stand as you are able

🎵 PRELUDE

Ciaccona

by Bernardo Storace

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: God is very near to us.

**All: We come together to praise God who lives
and dwells among us.**

One: Bring your songs and your praises and let the
Spirit of God be heard in this place!

**All: We praise God with song and voice: with
dance and laughter, and we greet one
another with love.**

One: Praise be to God!

All: Alleluia! Amen.



OPENING PRAYER



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We find ourselves separated from our sisters and brothers. **(Response: That's how it is.)**

One: There are lines drawn between us that are racial, that are economic. **(Response)**

One: We live cut off from many sources of strength and power, and often feel that we cannot act. **(Response)**

One: So many things call to us, grab for our attention, that we find ourselves stretched to a fine, thin line. **(Response)**

One: Our time is fragmented, our lives are scattered. We are broken. **(Response)**

One: Yet in the face of all this, we seek out the dawning of our liberation. **(Response)**

All: O God, our liberation, that's how it is with our lives. We seek the power of your Spirit, that we may live in fuller union with you and our sisters and brothers, and that we may gain courage to love and to act. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.



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 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 OT pg.259

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.


 SPECIAL MUSIC Amazing Grace arr. Jay Althouse

 SCRIPTURE Mark 4:26-34 NTpg.38

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON From the Smallest Things

*  HYMN *This is my Father's world* No.328

 OFFERING Voluntary by John Bennett

*  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

* HYMN *Come, know my joy, the Maker says NO.788*

*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

*Toccata on Amazing Grace
by Denys Bedard*

 : Choir/Organ/Piano music

 : Congregational music

 : Prayer

 : Scripture Reading

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Carol Anne

Scripture: Carol Anne Usher: Caroline

Coffee Hour: Bob and Jane

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.
- We welcome the **Rev. Victor Kim** who is our guest preacher today. Victor is the Principal Clerk of the General Assembly and previously served Presbyterian congregations in Richmond, BC and Calgary. Born in South Korea, Victor immigrated to Canada when he was 7 years old and was raised in Calgary. He is a graduate of Knox College and has served on the Boards of both Vancouver School of Theology and St. Andrew's Hall. Victor is married to Sophie and they are happy parents of two adult children and one dog. They have lived in Toronto since 2022.
- 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.
- We have a **new church sign** thanks to a generous donation made by one of our members and a

grant provided by presbytery. We will dedicate the church sign next Sunday during the church BBQ. Thank you **Sylvia** for designing the sign.

- **New members' classes** will be offered starting in October. Please see the insert for information on church membership, or speak to Paul or to an elder. Please see the insert to learn more about the meaning of membership.
- 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.
- Happy birthday to **Craig H.** and **Marion M.** 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.