



Leaside Presbyterian Church

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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

*ii. Largo from Keyboard Concerto No. 5
by J. S. Bach*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Laugh! Children of God!
Let tears of joy baptize your eyes and
your cheeks.
Give God thanks and celebrate!
It's great to be alive!

All: It's great to be alive!

One: Dance! Children of God!
Lose yourself in the choreography of the Spirit.
Life is a dance and God is the orchestra.
It's great to be alive!.

All: It's great to be alive!

One: Embrace! Children of God!
Open your arms and feel close to each other.
It is in our openness where life takes
on meaning.
It's great to be alive!

**All: Give God thanks and celebrate!
It's great to be alive!**

***HYMN**

Be thou my vision No.461

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We begin in silence

God of new life, we often say that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Yet when we consider our lives, we confess our failure to live in Christ. You promised to be present with us always, yet our fear for the future shows we do not trust in you. You love us with a great, eternal, and costly love, yet our self-doubt shows that we have not opened ourselves to your love. You promise that where your Spirit is, there is freedom, yet our anxieties show that we have not let you set us free. God, guide us on the slow journey of growth. Free us from our fears, our prejudice, and our self-judgment, that we may live in Christ in the freedom of your Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Where the love of God dwells,

All: forgiveness has its home.

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***HYMN**

Deep in the shadows of the past No.510

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

Genesis 16:1-16 OT pg.12

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC *There's a wideness in God's mercy*
by Maurice Bevan

SCRIPTURE Genesis 21:8-21 OT pg.17

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON God hears; God sees

***HYMN** *Precious Lord, take my hand* No.675

OFFERING

One: We offer our gifts to God in gratitude,

All: trusting God to multiply what we bring.

OFFERTORY *ii. Largo from Keyboard Concerto No. 5*
by J. S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY** *Come, O Holy Spirit (v.1,2) No.388*
English:

Come, O Holy Spirit, come.
Come, Almighty Spirit, come.
Come, come, come.

Ibo (Nigerian):

Wa wa wa Emimimo.
Wa wa wa Alagbara
Wao, wao, wao.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Lord, listen to your children*
praying No. 449

Lord, listen to your children praying;

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love; send us power; Send us grace!*

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** *God of the sparrow, God of the whale No.307*

***SENDING**

One: May God bless us with encounters

All: that turn strangers into neighbours,
that turn fear into friendships,
that turn hatred into hospitality,
that turn pain into peace. **Amen.**

BLESSING

***SUNG BLESSING** *Now Go in Peace*

*Now go in peace, Now go in love,
from the Father above.*

Jesus Christ the Son stay with you till the day is done.

Holy Spirit encircle you in all you think and do.

Go in peace. God's blessing be with us*. Amen.*

(indicates when to clap)*

POSTLUDE: *Cantilena by Tyler Versluis*

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Nancy Scripture: Jo

Usher: Weida Coffee Hour: Caroline and Isobel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to Leaside Presbyterian Church.
Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful that we can worship together. If you are newer to the church, please help us stay connected with you by scanning the QR code on the screen or on the welcome card found in the pew
- **World Cup Watch Party:** Canada vs. Switzerland – Wednesday June 24 at 3pm
- **Learn to play Mah Jong** – Friday June 26 at 7pm – Please speak to Paul if you can lend a hand.
- Join with a contingent of Presbyterians to participate in the **Pride Toronto March** on Sunday, June 28th. Our start time is expected to be no later than 3 pm near the Rosedale Subway Station. Please speak to Paul to register.
- **Centring prayer** takes place online every Wednesday at 9am. Learn how to pray with others for twenty-minutes, deepening our relationship with God not through words but in silence. Email paul@leasidepc.ca for details.
- The **church office** will be open by appointment only while Toubia is on vacation from June 29 - July 19. The church email and voice mail will be checked regularly.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on the website and on Facebook.

- Happy birthday to **Diane C., Sylvia M.**, and those who will be celebrating birthdays this week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday June 21, 10:30am

- 4th Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day

Tuesday June 23, 6:30pm

- Session meeting (Zoom)

Friday June 26, 7:00pm

- Learn how to play Mah Jong

Sunday June 28, 10:30am

- 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Sunday worship schedule:

- July 5, 12, 19 @ Northlea United Church
- July 26, Aug 2, 9 @ **Leaside PC**
- Aug 16, 23, 30 @ Leaside United Church

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.