



Leaside Presbyterian Church

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

**15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.**

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE Fantasy in G, BWV 572 by J. S. Bach

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here we are again, gathered in this place we cherish.

All: **How good it is to be reunited with Christian friends. And what a privilege it is to offer a place to the stranger in our midst.**

One: Some of us have come light-hearted, sated with summer pleasures. Others have come laden with care or stricken by grief.

All: **Whatever it is we bring in our hearts today, may we entrust ourselves to God's welcoming embrace, and may we commit ourselves to caring fellowship in this community of faith.**

***HYMN** *Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet No.466*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: For loving the world and knowing our names,

All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: For your strength that fills us and your love that
heals us,

All: we give you thanks, O God.

One: For your presence with us here today, and for
your hand that leads us into tomorrow,

All: we give you thanks, O God.

**Come bless us, hold us, wrestle with us, warm
us in your embrace; for we are your people,
and you are our justice and joy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***HYMN**

Like the murmur No.385

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

Psalms 119: 33-40 OT pg.567

Romans 13: 8-14 NT pg.162

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:15-20 NT pg.20

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Where two or three are gathered

***HYMN**

Draw us in the Spirit's tether No.531

OFFERING

One: Jesus was asked, "What is the greatest commandment?"

All: He replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength... And you shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

May this offering be a sign of our commitment to such all-embracing love. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ by J. S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY**

We Give Our Thanks (Reamo leboga)

187 More Voices

*We give our eyes to you (3x)
because you looked for us.*

*We give our hearts to you (3x)
because you first loved us.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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** *Let all things now living No.338*

***SENDING**

***BLESSING**

***SUNG BLESSING** *May the God of hope go with us
every day No. 726*

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.*

*May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

*Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working, for a world that's new,
faithful, when we hear Christ's call.*

POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Voluntary by John Stanley*

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder:Nancy Scripture:Nancy
Usher: Kathy Coffee Hour: Isobel and Weida

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.
- Special welcome to the **Rev. Bill Elliott** who is leading the worship this morning.
- **Centring prayer** takes place online every Wednesday at 9am throughout the month of August. Learn how to pray with others for twenty-minutes, deepening our relationship with God not through words but in silence. Email **admin@leasidepc.ca** for details.
- THIS IS AN IMPORTANT REMINDER about our upcoming **Leaside Women's Days Away!** We have booked two buildings at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre for **October 23rd to 25th, 2026**. Space is limited. If you haven't already confirmed your plan to attend, please let Susan know ASAP if you're able to join us, and whether you'd be willing to share a room or prefer your own. You don't need to pay until later this month, but we do need to hear from you. Please email susan@rogersdesign.ca and we shall look forward to seeing you there!
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on the website and on Facebook.

- Happy birthday to **Mathew K., Paul M., Alex M.**, and those who will be celebrating birthdays this week.

UNCEASING PRAYER

Every Sunday, you'll find an updated prayer for specific PWS&D programs and emergency responses, new prayers from PWS&D's global partners, Canada-wide volunteers and ecumenical coalitions, as well as prayers taken from the Bible or the Book of Praise. Thank you for continuing to pray for people affected by conflict, climate change, inequality and systemic cycles of poverty around the globe.

Lord, we your children come to you in worship, remembering that your Word outlines your loving nature. You are the best parent there is.

We give thanks that mothers and pregnant moms in Haiti, with the support of PWS&D, are receiving nutritious food for both themselves and their infants. Continue to provide for their needs, we pray. Amen.

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.