

Sunday, 10 am – September 24, 2017
Creation Time 3¹

* indicates stand as able

We Gather to Worship God

Gathering Music: Summertime – Gershwin
...there's nothin' can harm you
with Daddy an' Mammy standin' by

**Opening Hymn:* For the Fruit of All Creation VU 227
(*The ministers, the choir and the prayer chalice usher process*)

Lighting of Christ Candle: Acolyte: Noah Berard
We light a candle to God, the Creator,
who lit the light in the darkness
and breathed life into the creation.

Welcome and Greeting/ The Life, Work and Mission of the Church

**Call to Worship:*² Lorrie Lowes
Call on the name of God and give thanks.
Make known God's deeds among the people.
With parted waters,
God set us free.
With cloud and fire,
God guide us.
With gushing waters,
God quench our thirst.
With food from heaven,
God feed us.
Let those who seek God rejoice in their hearts.
Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Approach and Assurance of God's Love:*³ (In unison)
You who created the earth and the air; you who designed the sky and the sea; you who spoke and things were made, you have called us your people and beckoned us here. Hear now our prayer of confession:
Loving God, help us when we are unraveled, unfinished, incomplete. Console us for the farewell we did not make, the moment that slipped our grasp, the closure we failed to acknowledge. Forgive us for whining and complaining and for thanks we fail to offer. Give us the courage to make amends where mending is needed.

(Time of Silence)

God is good. God's love never fails. When we turn to God in true repentance, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music: Fear Not For Tomorrow - Sleeth Bell Canto

Dance & Movement: Wendy Morrell & Co.

Time for the Young at Heart Lorrie Lowes

**Hymn:* One More Step (vs. 1-3) VU 639

We Listen for God's Word

*Prayer for Illumination:*⁴

Like morning dew, like manna, fine as frost, may your Word now cleanse, feed and nourish us, O God. Amen.

The Reading: "Quails and Manna" Exodus 16: 2-15

This story gives us the wonderful promise of God's provision, which is reassuring to all of us. The Israelites in the wilderness complained that there is no food. God responded by providing quails and manna to feed the people.

May we find ourselves challenged by this difficult text.

Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music: (Choir): Lead Me, Lord – Wesley arr. Bock

¹ Worship resources written by Lorrie Lowes and Jan Pound, Gathering, 2017, A.

² www.ministrymatters.com

³ www.victas.uca.org.au

⁴ Barbara Zimmerman, Pentecost 2, 2013, Year C.

Sermon: “Trusting that God Provides”

**Hymn:* All Who Hunger VU 460

We Respond in Faith

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offering and Offertory Music: (Choir): The Journey - Harris

**Presentation of Offering:* As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought
VU 518 (vs. 3)

With gratitude and humble trust

We bring our best to you,

Not just to serve your cause,

but share your love with neighbours too.

O God, who gave yourself to us

In Jesus Christ, your son,

Help us to give ourselves each day

Until life’s work is done.

**Offertory Prayer:⁵*

**Creator God, you give us our daily bread so that we might have all
we need to survive and to thrive. In return, receive here our
offering so it can be used to nourish others and the world. Amen.**

We Depart in Peace

**Hymn:* Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU 288

Sending Forth:

We have been fed by the stories of faith.

May we turn our lives back to the God of plenty.

May the God of manna and quails accompany us.

**May the Spirit surround us with hope as we walk the way
of Christ. Amen.**

Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace – Besig/Price

Departing Music: Trust and Obey (When We Walk with the Lord) –
traditional

Thanks to Those Assisting with Today’s Service:

Greeters/Ushers: Bev Wilcox

Welcome Information Centre: Gerry Monnot

Reader: Jane Nimmock

Refreshments: Pierre & Marion Dugas

Sound System: Neil Lowes

⁵ Ali Smith, Pentecost 2, 2017 Year A.