

Sunday, 10 am – August 20, 2017
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

* indicates stand as able

We Gather to Worship God

Gathering Music: Congregation singalong by request. Choose a favourite.

**Opening Hymn:* Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU 395

Lighting of Christ Candle: Acolyte: Jeff Stoate
How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
Psalm 133:1

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

**Call to Worship:*¹ Lorrie Lowes

One: Come into the presence of God.
Come and focus on holy things.
Come and be renewed.
Come and be encouraged.
Come and simply be in the presence of God.

**All: In the presence of God, we come,
Humbly, respectfully, gladly, openly.
In the presence of God, we come as we are,
Trusting that we are welcome here.**

*Prayer of Approach:*²

**Here in this place, meet us Lord.
Here in this place, meet us in the reading of your Word.
Here in this place, meet us in our singing.
Here in this place, meet us in our praying.
Meet us in this place, Lord, for we long to know you.
Be present with us again, so you may lead us with strength ever
onward. Amen.**

Time for the Young at Heart: “A Little Bit Goes a Long Way”

**Hymn:* It Only Takes a Spark VU 289

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination:

**Living God, as we listen deeply to the reading, as we reflect on
what we hear, let there be inspiration, let there be understanding,
let there be action. Amen.**³

Gospel Reading: “The Canaanite Woman’s Faith” Matthew 15:21-28

*A mother is relentless in searching for healing for her child. Her encounter with
Jesus changes the course of his ministry forever.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music: The Gift of Love - Hopson (Bernice Miller Crawford,
Jane Nimmock, Ellen Boynton)

Sermon: “Sharing the Crumbs”

**Hymn:* Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

We Respond in Faith

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
(in the language of choice)

Offering and Offertory Music: Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands
(MV 173) – Klusmeier (Trio)

**Presentation of Offering:* We Give Our Thanks MV 187 (in English
& French) (Words - Andrew Donaldson and David Fines)

We give our thanks to God. (4X)

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu. (4X)

¹ Elaine Bidgood Sveet, Pentecost 1 2017, page 29. Used with permission.

² Elaine Bidgood Sveet, Summer/ Autumn 2010, page 38. Used with permission..

³ Inspired by the prayer by David Sparks, **Gathering** Pentecost 1 -2017, page 37
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**Offertory Prayer:*

**You set before us a feast,
Yet we deny the crumbs to those who are hungry.
Give us a spirit of generosity,
So that all might be fed. Amen.⁴**

We Depart in Peace

**Hymn:* Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79

**Sending Forth:*

Let us go into the world
With the boldness of the Canaanite woman,
Trusting in the mercy of God,
And sure of our place in the world,
As stewards of God's goodness to us.
Amen⁵

Departing Music:

Thanks to Those Assisting with Today's Service:

Greeter/Ushers: John MacFarlane, Jeff Stoate
Sound System: Bob Boynton
Refreshments: Bill & Nora McGee
Reader: Erin Berard

⁴ Wanda Winfield, Gathering-Pentecost 1 2017, page 39. Used with permission.

⁵ Wanda Winfield, Gathering-Pentecost 1 2017, page 41. Used with permission.