

Sunday, 10 am – June 25, 2017
Third Sunday after Pentecost

* indicates stand as able

We Gather to Worship God

Gathering Music: Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen/All Night, All Day (Angels Watching Over Me) - Hayes

**Opening Hymn:* The Living God Be Praised VU 255
(*The minister and the prayer chalice usher process*)

Lighting of Christ Candle: Acolyte: The Culley family
“Jesus said: Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” (Matthew 10: 40)

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

**Call to Worship:*¹ Nicole Beaudry

On a hot summer day, in the dust of a city street,

God is there.

In a warm summer rain, while running for shelter,

God's love is there.

On a beach by the shore, where the water sparkles and the waves roar,

God's embrace is there.

In a wide-open sky filled with stars,

God's spark is there.

Here in this time and in this place,

God's grace is here!

*Prayer of Approach:*²

O God, gather us in this place of worship.

Gather us in your strong presence.

Gather us with song and scripture.

Gather us young and old.

As your church family,

**we gather with thankfulness, eager to be renewed,
Here in this place, our worship will rise. Amen.**

Time for the Young at Heart: Nicole Beaudry

Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love VU 593 (vs.1, 2)

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination:

God of grace, through your Word, make your way and will known to us. Open us to your Word, your way, your call. Amen.

Epistle Reading: “Sanctification” Romans 6:12-23

*In this letter to the Christian church in Rome, Paul recognizes that the power of sin is still active in the world of the believers; so that Christians are confronted with the real peril of falling back into the submission to sin that will result in death not in the life-giving power that God can provide. Paul is telling the Romans that God has already rescued the Christians out of the mud and cleaned them off through the bath of baptism, so that Paul calls these same believers to stay out of sin, to resist any subsequent urge to sin from which they have already been rescued. Paul urges them to give themselves to righteous living for sanctification. They are to devote themselves to God and God's work in the world so that they may continue to grow in God's grace.³ Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God!***

Ministry of Music: (choir) Blessed - Crescenz

Sermon: “Grace is the Final Word”

**Hymn:* Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12 (vs. 1-3)

We Respond in Faith

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

¹ Inspired by the Call to Worship written by Maggie Watts-Hammond, Gathering-Pentecost 1 2017, Year A.

² Elaine BidgoodSveet, Gathering-Pentecost 1 2016, Year C.

³ Commentary by Marion L. Soards, www.workingpreacher.org.

Offering and Offertory Music: (choir) Lord of the Dance – Shaker
Tune, adapt. Carter, arr. Hart

**Presentation of Offering:* In Loving Partnership VU 603 (vs) 1
**In loving partnership we come, seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive; we freely offer them to you.**

**Offertory Prayer:*
**God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to offer these gifts
to you. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love:
may we use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world,
Amen.**

We Depart in Peace

**Hymn:* I Feel the Winds of God VU 625

**Sending Forth:*
With the grace and blessing of God, Creator, Christ and Companion,
go into the world and share God's love with friend, neighbour and
stranger.
**Let our faith in words and actions witness to the Sacred in all
walks of life, knowing that Christ walks with us. Amen.**

Choral Blessing: May the Love of God Shine Through You –
Williams/Stevens

Departing: In Summer (from Frozen) – Anderson-Lopez/Lopez

*Since Canada 150 celebrations are this week, there is a Canadian/Ottawa
connection with 'In Summer' sung by Olaf the snowman in Disney's Frozen.*

*Trent Correy from Ottawa, a graduate of Algonquin College,
was a lead animator for Olaf.*

Thanks to Those Assisting with Today's Service:

Greeter/Ushers: Bev Wilcox,

Reader: Tamara Glanville

Refreshments: Jeff Stoate & Doug Jones

Sound System: Pierre Dugas