

Order of Worship

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Jesus Christ, Our Sure Defense

Johann Kellner

Mark Frazier, organ

***Greeting**

Leader: Come to Christ, our rock,

People: our refuge and our strength.

Leader: Come to listen for God,

People: our wisdom and our truth.

Leader: Come to receive the Spirit,

People: the breath of life itself!

***Hymn**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

UMH 126

***Opening Prayer**

**Come, dear Christ, into this house of worship
and into every longing heart.**

Some who gather here need healing.

Touch us, and give us strength.

Many feel confused by the news of the day.

Quiet our minds, and help us place our trust in you.

Call us anew to be instruments of your grace

for a world that yearns to know your peace. Amen.

Welcome

Children's Message

Anthem

Amazing Grace

arr. Christine Anderson

Fran Underwood, handbells; Mark Frazier, piano

Scripture

Luke 13:10-17

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of the People

God in whom we live and move and have our being: As we gather in your presence today, we give you thanks for your faithfulness to your people across many generations and in so many situations. Thank you for the faithfulness we meet in the world around us, In friendships that endure. In communities that pitch in when someone is in trouble, In workers who go that extra mile, In countries who offer safety or sustenance when disaster strikes and strangers are in desperate need. Faithful God, hear our prayer,

And renew our faithfulness.

Compassionate God, we are aware of many challenges in our own lives, in the lives of those we care about, and in the world around us. Show us how our care and concern can respond to the prayers of those we love.

In faithful silence, we lay before you the concerns on our hearts this day: We pray for those who have been in the headlines lately, whose situations concern us deeply, whose lives cry out to you for help. (pause for silence) Faithful God, hear our prayer,

And renew our faithfulness.

We pray for those who are suffering behind the scenes in our community: those who are ill or waiting on treatment; those who are bereaved; those struggling to make ends meet or find the right job; those who are lonely, those who are moving this summer and will need new friends. Faithful God, hear our prayer,

And renew our faithfulness.

We pray for those looking forward to a new beginning this coming Fall: those starting at a new school or in a new College or University program; those beginning new work or new activities; those settling into a new home and neighborhood; those welcoming new members into the family through birth, adoption or marriage.

Faithful God, hear our prayer,

And renew our faithfulness.

We pray for our congregation and for the coming time of re-energizing after summer vacations and travel. Gather us into new and renewed friendships. Show us how to reach out with your love and generosity. Equip us to meet every challenge we face with faithfulness and commitment. We ask all of these things in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Offering

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Hymn*Everlasting God**

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Benediction

Rev. Wines

*Prayer of the people and offering from the Presbyterian Church of Canada:
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