

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Aug 30, 2026

## WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**Neighbourhood BBQ** – Saturday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the parking lot

**Everybody's Birthday** – Sunday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. Please sign up in the Place of Welcome if you would like to bring a cake.

## INTRODUCTION

The call of Moses comes through a mysterious burning bush through which God announces plans to free the people from Egypt and lead them to Canaan. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

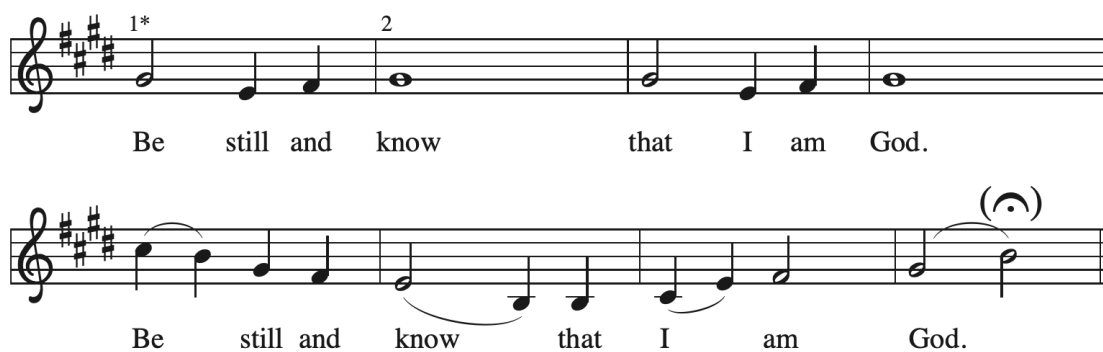
We take a moment to center our hearts and minds for worship.

## GATHERING

*All may make the sign of the cross as the leader begins*

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✝ one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

## "Be Still" ACS 1083



### PSALM 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
**my flesh faints for you,**  
**as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
**Because your steadfast love is better than life,**  
**my lips will praise you.**

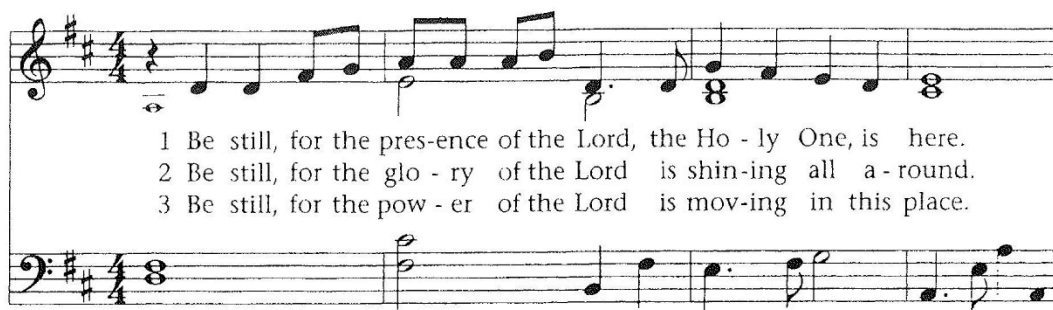
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
**I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips  
**when I think of you on my bed**  
**and meditate on you in the watches of the night,**

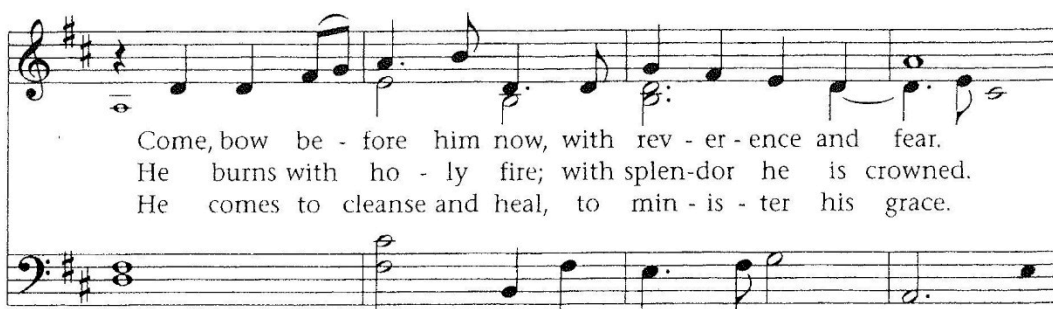
for you have been my help,  
**and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

My soul clings to you;  
**your right hand upholds me.**

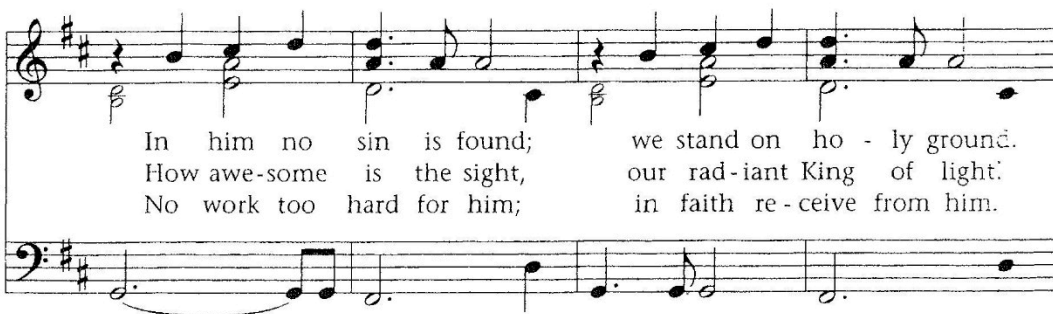
## "Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord"



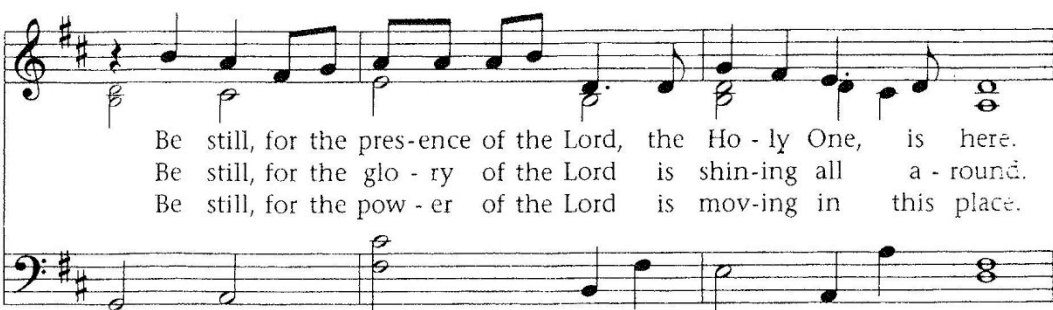
1 Be still, for the pres-ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.  
 2 Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.  
 3 Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.



Come, bow be - fore him now, with rev - er - ence and fear.  
 He burns with ho - ly fire; with splen-dor he is crowned.  
 He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.



In him no sin is found; we stand on ho - ly ground.  
 How awe-some is the sight, our rad-iant King of light.  
 No work too hard for him; in faith re-ceive from him.



Be still, for the pres-ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.  
 Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.  
 Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.

## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

It is our delight to pray. O God, in the flaming bush you promised deliverance to your people. In the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain. As we take up the cross, show us the transforming power of your love, so that we may know the hope of your glory, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15**

*Moses experiences the call of God when God appears to him in a bush that burns but is not consumed. When Moses expresses his unworthiness, God promises to be with him. When Moses objects that people would demand to know God's name, God reveals his personal name, Yahweh (I am who I am), or "the Lord."*

A reading from Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.' " God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – "Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil" WOV (sing once)

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Today's gospel and sermon have been prepared and shared Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership and Assistant to the Bishop, Saskatchewan Synod, Saskatoon Ministry Area.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** [VIDEO](#)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Here I Am, Lord" ELW 574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## A NEW CREED

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you,**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (WITH SONG)

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens" – and so trusting that Jesus' arms are always open to us and to the cares we bring to God, we pray together . . .

### "Come, Bring Your Burdens to God" ACS 1009

Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom -  
Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your

thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho, U -  
bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for

ye - s'a - ka - so - za - thi hayi.  
Je - sus will nev - er say no.

We pray for the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith.

We pray for the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by drought, flood, fires, storms, and other disasters. During this time of harvest, we give thanks for all the land has produced.

**Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;  
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.**

We pray for the leaders of nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another, and work for the good of all. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. We continue to pray for the safe release of Natalie Abudayyeh, who has been imprisoned without cause. Reassure her and others in her situation of your abiding presence.

We pray for all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit especially Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Janet D, Dave, Austin, Tiffany, Patrick, Linda H, Carol, Murray, Shirley J., Mo, Isobel, Jim N., Clayton P, Marlene and Darcy, Doreen, Clayton and Margaret, Sheila, Ray, Nancy, Alan T, Cherylee, Elda, and those we name silently now . . . [silence].

**Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;  
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.**

We give thanks for the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. We give thanks for those involved in Stephen Ministry and ask your blessing on them. Hold in your care Myrtle Allison and Dan and Margaret Banmann, as well as Pastor Joel, Vanesa and Hans.

Many things are happening this week, Lord. We ask your blessing on students and teachers as they return to school and we pray that they may have a good year together. Watch over Felix as he rides. We give thanks for his passion and commitment to church camps. We also pray for the barbecue on Saturday that we might be welcoming to those who attend. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come.

**Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;  
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

Almighty God,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG "We Will Go Out with Joy" – v 1 only

*Leader*

C F/C C G7 C

1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*All*

C F/C C C/G G7 C *Fine*

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*Refrain*

Fsus2 C F G C

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

Fsus2 C E<sup>b</sup>sus2 Dm7 Gsus G *to Stanzas*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## SENDING

Go in peace, for Christ is with you.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

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