



**EMMANUEL
UNITED
CHURCH
June 23, 2019**

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 7**

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today.

Please note this is a scent free environment.

(*please rise in body or spirit)

Prelude: "We Gather Together" - arr. John Kraus

Welcome, Announcements & Candles

**Gathering Hymn: VU 477 "I Come with Joy" vs 1, 2 & 5*

**Welcome Each other & Centering Time for Worship*

**Invitation to Community:*

In Christ we are one body

The body sanctified for service

We are no longer either/or

In Christ we are both/and

Together we are anxious for the presence of the Holy

And that is why we have gathered this day.

**Gathering Prayer:*

We search for you, Divine friend,

in places where we have found you before.

We ache for you now

but give us the power to discern where we may find you,

in new and unexpected places,

in places we have never been.

Holy One, please search for us for we need to be found.

In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen

Candles of Joy and Concern

Presentation to Kathy Gillis

Worship with the Young at Heart:

**Hymn: MV 18 "Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary"*

Wandering in the Scriptural Wilderness

Proclamation Hymn: MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart" (Chorus)

Scriptures: Reader: Jim Glynn

1 Kings 19.1-15a *Psalm 42, VU#766 - sung

Galatians 3.23-27 Luke 8.26-39

Anthem:

Reflection

Seeking the Sheer Silence

**Hymn: VU 374 "Come and Find a Quiet Centre" vs 3*

Minute for Mission: Carol Parnell

Offering: "Just as I Am" – Wm. Bradbury; arr. John Kraus

**Hymn: VU #544 "In Gratitude & Humble Trust"*

**Prayer of Dedication:*

**May these gifts that we offer help us to find you, Holy One,
and may these gifts make real your presence for others. Amen**

Prayers of the People

It's summer and lazy days beckon us like visions of reward.

We dream of the cottage, the trailer, the trail, the canoe.

We dream of days spent in lounges, drinks at hand.

We dream of laughter bubbling from our lips while we play.

We dream.

We turn on the television for the evening news,
sitting back to wind up our day, and then...
We watch bombings in London and Iraq.
We watch hurricanes devastating Mexico.
We watch droughts in Spain and Canada.
We watch forest fires ravage life while some die from smog.
We watch pleas to conserve electricity and water.
We watch protests and riots around the world.
We worry.

There's got to be more, right, God?

**There's got to be more than dreaming and worrying,
than chasing down every temporary high,
than cocooning out of fear.**

What is your word to us, God?

There's got to be more, so we turn to you.

Open our senses to your vision.

Open our behaviour to your direction.

Open our hearts to your forgiveness.

(silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

There is more.

We offer our thanks to God, for in Jesus, we find our centre.

In Jesus, we find life oriented toward mutuality.

In Jesus, we discover that "more" in giving of ourselves.

In Jesus, we celebrate our forgiveness.

We celebrate that forgiveness by living as community,

a community of love that embraces each other

even in the tough times,

a community of sharing that ignores no one,

a community of faith labouring to birth new life.

No more temporary highs,
but the light by which we discover that
we are alive with possibilities in Christ!
Thanks be to God!

Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont.

**Hymn: VU 117 "Jesus Christ is Waiting"*

**Sending Forth:*

Return to the wilderness places

We will seek God in sheer silence

When you feel a great wind or feel an earthquake

The Divine might be there

But hold the fire in your soul

That this is the means by which we will light our path.

Concluding Rite: MV 213 "Take Up His Song" - Peace & Love

*Postlude: "The Lord's My Shepherd" in the setting of G.F. Handel's
"Largo" from Xerxes - arr. Cindy Berry*

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

Music: Arlene Gray and the Choir

AV: Brian James Sunday School: Sue Masters

Refreshments: Picnic Elevator: A. J. McNaught

*Ushers & Greeters: Susan Deeley, Joe Tompkins, Marg Byer & Sue
Masters*

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