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Prayers of the People
... *forgive us our debts and we forgive our debtors...*

Hymn: I’m gonna live so God can use me

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1. I’m gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I’m gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

2 I’m gonna work so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I’m gonna work so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

3. I’m gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I’m gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

4. I’m gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I’m gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime)

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Benediction
Choral Response as found in the Book of Praise
#777 Send me, Lord / Thuma Mina

Postlude: Processional by Handel

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Mission Moment: Sunday, August 23

On World Humanitarian Day, we recognize and celebrate the efforts of humanitarian workers who provide life-saving assistance to millions of people affected by conflicts, natural disasters and other emergencies. Whatever their faith, they are the living examples of what Jesus asked us to do. We give thanks for PWS&D’s partners, who work tirelessly to ensure that essential food aid gets delivered, devastated communities are rebuilt and access to life-saving resources is within reach. Humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the welfare of vulnerable and marginalized people. Through collaborative efforts, we work together to build a sustainable, compassionate and just world. With daily reports of so many struggling around the world, let us take a moment today to honour these selfless advocates and offer unwavering support for their vital efforts.

Picnic to Celebrate our Summer Experience

This Summer, four congregations are joining together to worship throughout the summer, traveling around to the various churches. To celebrate the end of this adventure, we will gather for a church picnic at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. **We want you to join us!**

When: Sunday August 30, 2026. Starting at 10 am.
Where: Crieff Hills Picnic shelter, 7098 Concession Road 1, Puslinch ON N0B 2J0

- What is going to happen:
- 🕶 Opening Worship with lots of music!
 - 🕶 Blanket Exercise led by Majorie Paleshi. This is an activity designed to help us to experience the history of relations between Indigenous and settler people in Canada from the Indigenous perspective.
 - 🕶 Games and activities for kids (of all ages)
 - 🕶 Potluck Lunch: Bring something to share if you are able and bring your own reusable plates and cutlery. As some may be allergic, we ask that you do not bring anything that contains nuts or seafood.

We are grateful to those who were involved in worship this morning:

Preacher: Rev. Lisa Dolson
Organist: Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant: Carol Johnston
Greeters: Brenda Holm & Lynn Platt
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Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16

Who is he?

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Sunday, August 23, 2026

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Order of Worship. We will meet in person at 10 am. Or join us on Zoom or Facebook Live. The Zoom link will be posted on the website.

Prelude: Melcombe by C.H. Parry
Welcome
Call to Worship (responsive)
One: We give thanks to God with all our hearts
All: God’s faithful love endures forever
One: We sing praises to the Lord, with all our strength
All: We declare God’s goodness to all the earth. Let us worship God together.
Hymn: God is love, come heaven, adoring
1. God is love: come heaven, adoring;
God is love: come earth, rejoice.
Come creation, voices soaring,
sing exulting with one voice.
God who laid the earth’s foundation,

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God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation—
God is love, eternal love.

2. God is love, whose arms enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp are holding
every child of every race,
and when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow’s iron rod,
all the sorrow, all the aching
wrings with pain the heart of God.

3. God is love, and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God’s eternal loving kindness
guides us through all earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o’er us final triumph gain;
God is love: so love forever
o’er the universe must reign.

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Opening Prayer (responsive)

One: Eternal God, you are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.
You breathe new life into what has grown tired and discouraged.
You offer healing for what is worn or broken. You restore

hope when things seem impossible. You are the source of life and love
for all your creatures. You renew us to put our love for you into
action for the wellbeing of your creation. And so, we worship you,
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, and offer our prayers and praise to
you. Confident of your grace and loving kindness, we join our voices
together in confession.

**All: Loving God, we confess our sin in thought, word and deed; by
what we have done and left undone. We stumble as we seek to
love you with our whole heart, body, mind and soul. In your
mercy, we seek your forgiveness. We pray in the name of Jesus,
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Exodus 1:8–2:10

1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with
Jacob, each with his household: 2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3
Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5
The total number of people born to Jacob was seventy. (Joseph was
already in Egypt.) 6 Then Joseph died, and all his brothers, and that
whole generation. 7 But the Israelites were fruitful and prolific; they
multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with
them. 8 Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. 9

He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and
more powerful than we. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or
they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight
against us and escape from the land.” 11 Therefore they set task masters
over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities,
Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. 12 But the more they were
oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians
came to dread the Israelites. 13 The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to
hard servitude 14 and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in
mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in
all the tasks that they imposed on them. 15 The king of Egypt said to the
Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other
Puah, 16 “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see
them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she
shall live.” 17 But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of
Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. 18 So the king of
Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done
this and allowed the boys to live?” 19 The midwives said to Pharaoh,
“Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they
are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” 20 So
God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became
very strong. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them
families. 22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is
born to the Hebrews[a] you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let
every daughter live.” 2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and
married a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son, and
when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. 3
When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and
plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it
among the reeds on the bank of the river. 4 His sister stood at a distance,
to see what would happen to him. 5 The daughter of Pharaoh came
down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river.
She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6
When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity
on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. 7 Then his
sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the
Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” 8 Pharaoh’s daughter said to
her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. 9 Pharaoh’s
daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give
you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10 When
the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he
became her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him
out of the water.”

Matthew 16:13–20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked
his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they
said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you
say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son

of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon
son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my
Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will
build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I
will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind
on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will
be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to
tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Hymn: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet #496

Refrain: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path*

1. When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,
still you’re there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*
2. I will not forget your love for me, and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end. *Refrain*

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Family Time
Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity
Offertory: O Saviour, Precious Saviour by H. Willan

Reflection: How do you respond to the question: “Who do you say that
I am?”

Hymn: Lord, the light of your love is shining #376

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.
*Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Fathers glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!*
2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. *Chorus*
3. 3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. *Chorus*