

**St. John's Reformed Church
June 22, 2025 10 a.m. Sabbath III**

(Please join responsively by speaking aloud the bolded sections)

Pre-Prelude

Announcements and Hospitality

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Votum Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

*Call to Worship: God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.

Come and give thanks! God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas. **Come and give thanks!** God calls forth plants from the soil and forms animals in infinite variety. **Come and give thanks!**

God breathes upon us and fills us with life. **Come lift your voices in praise!** God gives our lives meaning through laughter and tears.

Come lift your voices in praise! God touches our hearts through family and friends. **Come lift your voices in praise!** God loves us and blesses us with everything good. **Come and worship!** God loves us and overwhelms us with never-ending generosity. **Come and worship!**

God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance!

Come and worship!

*Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* #44 v. 1-3

Salutation & Prayer of Invocation

Prayer of Confession:

They may not be beaten down or lying by the road, but there are people we pass by, watching God. Some are family and friends we take so much for granted we cannot see how we have stripped them of our love and compassion. Others are neighbors: who have been left half-dead by crushing work; who have fallen into the hands of despair; who have been abandoned by all those who walked on by them. Many are strangers, people we don't know, but quickly judge: they are weak, or poor, or the enemy or because they remind us of who we once were, or could become. Rescue us from the power of our sins, Righteous One of all generations. Pour out your justice on us, rather than your judgement, that we would be moved with pity, and spurred to action; that we would hear of the hope that is ours, and share it with our sisters and brothers; that we should shower mercy on all we meet, even as we have received forgiveness for our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Kyrie Eleison

“Lord have mercy upon us;

Christ have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us.”

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law: “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work”-For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. -Adapted from Exodus 20

May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen.

*Gloria Patri *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.*

Honoring our Graduates

Musical Meditation

The Word of God in Proclamation and Sacrament

Prayer for Illumination & Lectionary Lessons

Lesson from the Old Testament: **Psalm 104** (p. 554-555)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lesson from the New Testament: **Colossians 1:15-20** (p. 200)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #348 v. 1-3

Lesson from the Gospels: **John 1:1-18** (p. 91-92)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praised to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God's Grace

*Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Church universal, that exists in all times and places.

*The Peace The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
The Offering & Offertory by *Jane Bier & Mary Bayer*, piano/organ duet

*Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds, planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly so that God's way may be realized anew in this world. Grant us the humility we need to plant and then tend your precious garden. Amen.

Prayers for the People of God

The Lord's Prayer (use 'trespasses')

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response *Threefold Amen* **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

*Hymn *Christ, Mighty Savior* #386 v. 1-5

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen "Go Now in Peace"

***Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with us each hour of every day.
Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide us in all we do.
Go now in love, and show we believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.***

*Postlude

*Indicates congregation to stand if able.

Credits | *Call to Worship: from the **Mennonite Church Canada** website.
<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/>

*Confession Sequence: written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionarylitrurgies.blogspot.ca/>

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