

**ZION UNITED CHURCH
McKEE's MILLS PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

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The bulletin is given in celebration of my parents' 57<sup>th</sup>  
wedding anniversary today, by Rev. Claudia

**Prelude**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

*(an act towards reconciliation)*

*For thousands of year Indigenous people have walked in this land,  
in their country.*

Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives.  
We acknowledge the Wabanaki Peoples – Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and  
Passamaquoddy, and their stewardship of this land throughout the  
ages.

Zion United Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless  
of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**      *[We take this flame and light  
our Christ candle. In all our joys and in all our concerns, may we be  
ever mindful of the presentness of God among us, and to see new  
possibilities of the now.]*

**Opening Hymn**      625      I Feel the Winds of God

**Greeting:** [Jesus] said, "Come ahead." Jumping out of the boat,  
Peter walked on the water to Jesus. (Matthew 14:29a)

**Announcements**

**Centering Silence**      *A period of reflective silence ...*

**Call to Worship (responsively)**

The sun beats down with glorious rays, providing warmth to all  
– a sign of God's love.

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**The sun provides waves of welcome as we rise to face  
each new day.**

The wind rustles through the trees and gently caresses  
flowerbeds throughout our community – a sign of God's spirit.

**The wind provides waves of welcome as we rise to face  
each new day.**

Waves roll across the lakes, bays and estuaries in this region,  
reflecting the power and energy of water itself – a sign of God's  
presence.

**The rolling water provides waves of welcome as we rise to  
face each new day.**

We are part of the creative order that God has made. God  
welcomes us with a caring spirit and an open heart.

**Let us welcome one another as we gather for worship this  
new day.**

**Gathering Prayer (together)**

**There are times when we feel adrift, lost at sea. There are  
times when we are overwhelmed by fear, and we cannot do  
anything. There are times when our fear of others makes  
us judge them, ignore them, or even mistreat them. For all  
these times we pray: Come to us, God, when we are afraid  
and open our hearts to your love. In our times of fear, it is  
reassuring to know that you, O God, do not abandon us,  
but are right there with us! Amen.**

**For the Young at Heart**      *Jealousy*  
**Youth Hymn**      289      It Only Takes a Spark

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Hebrew Lesson**      Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
**Responsive Psalm**      105, parts 1+2,, p. 828/9      *(stand as able)*

**Epistle Lesson**      Romans 10:5-15  
The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All:      Glory to Christ, the Word.**

**GOSPEL**      Matthew 14:22-33

**Sung Response**      951      Holy, Holy, Holy  
*Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!*

**Hymn**      637      Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me

**Reflection**    *A Ship Called Congregation*  
*Silent Reflection*

**Our Offering of Love**

**Minute for Mission**    \*ꠘ\*ꠘ\*ꠘ\*    *in bulletin*  
**Offertory Invitation**    \*ꠘ\*ꠘ\*ꠘ\*    **Offertory Selection**  
**Offering Prayer (together)**  
 Your gifts, O God, take our breath away! You give us food and drink and shelter. You provide the warmth of family and joy within this faith community. You give us the sea to enjoy and water to make life good. We cannot thank you enough, but these offerings are a sign of our thanksgiving, and we know you will bless them. Amen.

**Preparation for Prayer** - 948    O God, Hear My Prayer  
*O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer:*  
*when I call answer me.*  
*O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer:*  
*Come and listen to me.*

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (together)**  
*Silence*

**Closing Hymn**    675    Will Your Anchor Hold

**Parting Words and Blessing**  
 All: Amen. May it be so.

**Dismissal**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
 God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
 Know he will guide you in all you do.  
 Go now in love, and show you 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. Amen. Amen. Amen.  
**Postlude (seated)**    *Christ Candle: We take the flame*  
*carrying it out into the world – and by doing so, we become the*  
*light of Christ in this world.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are worshipping at Zion United Church for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.  
*Those visiting, please sign our Guest book in the vestibule.*



Advance notice: The Rev. Betty-Jean Friedman will be our guest minister for the anniversary service to be held on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. The service will be at **11 am** for that week only.

Looking for someone for custodial duties for the fall and winter months! Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

Thank you to Rev Keller for replacing Robyn for the month of August and first Sunday in September!

**Lectionary Texts for: August 20<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost**

**Genesis 45:1–15** Joseph is reunited with his brothers.  
**Psalm 133** (p. 856) How pleasant it is when God's people are together. **Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32** God has not rejected the Hebrews. **Matthew 15: (10–20), 21–28** A Canaanite mother challenges Jesus.

**For further reflection:** ~Rainer Maria Rilke (*German poet*)

Have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves ...  
 Don't search for the answers,  
 which could not be given to you now,  
 because you would not be able to live them.  
 And the point is, to live everything.  
 Live the questions now.  
 Perhaps then, someday far in the future,  
 you will gradually, without even noticing it,  
 live your way into the answer.

## Minute for Mission

### **Chaplaincy in Kingston**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support chaplaincy. Let us hear a story of the many avenues of support for chaplaincy in Kingston, Ontario.

Kate Johnson has been supported through Mission & Service in many ways, in theological education and in her work as a prison chaplain, including her time as part of Kingston Community Chaplaincy. We celebrate her many gifts that have been lived out through Mission & Service–supported ministries! After completing her undergraduate studies at Lakehead University School of Social Work, Kate studied at Queen’s University School of Religion (formerly Mission & Service–supported Queen’s Theological College). She received a Master of Divinity with a concentration in restorative justice. Currently Kate serves as a member on the board of directors for the Mission & Service–supported Kingston Community Chaplaincy.

A firm believer in the value of interfaith dialogue and community building, Kate brings people together from other faiths and within the prison system. The Kingston Community Chaplaincy offers programs for families and those currently in prison and provides support when prisoners are released. At the core of the chaplaincy is the belief that when crime happens, it is not only the victim and offender who are affected but also the whole community. Kingston Community Chaplaincy seeks to promote healing and safety for all people in an atmosphere of learning how to live together in community once again.

We sing thanksgiving for the many ways Mission & Service supports chaplains.

*If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!*