

Kamloops United Church

Sunday July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

God Calls

PRELUDE

Tomas Bijok

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Whenever we gather in this space, we acknowledge that we are on the unceded lands of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc (suh-Wep-muhc), Unceded means this territory was never relinquished, and this acknowledgement reminds us all of our role in Reconciliation. Since 1996 Kamloops United Church has been a member of Affirm United and we are proud to be an LGBTQ2S Affirming community of faith, where people of all sexual orientations and gender identities are embraced as members and leaders in all aspects of the life and work of the ministry. So, when we say all are welcome...it is with the assurance that all...means all.

MUSIC

Jesus, You have Come to the Lakeshore

VU563

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSIC

MV62

*There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us come into the House of the Holy One with song and dance.
We have come to worship our God,
the Creator of heaven and earth, seas and rivers,
and all that dwells within.

The Lord of the Dance beckons us
to join in this time of celebration and joy...
That we might know that we are gathered in God's holy place.

We join the psalmist with songs of the glory of the God of Hosts.
We seek to know God's faithfulness and wisdom.

Let us enter God's rhythm of life
and follow in the ways of the Word.
God will bring us home where dancing and joy will never end!

God Cleanses

COME BEFORE GOD

Mighty and tender God, voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless:
We praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness, a realm of peace,
In which all who hunger and thirst are nourished,
In which the stranger is welcomed, the hurting are healed,
and the captive set free.

Guide us by your truth and love, until we and all your people
Make manifest your reign of justice and compassion.,

We pray in the name of your anointed one, our servant king,
To whom with you and the Spirit, only Holy God,
Be honour, glory and blessing this day for forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE

AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US

The peace of the risen Christ is with you!
And also with you!
You are invited to turn to the people around you
and wave as a sign of graceful greetings this day.

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God Communes

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Marie Allen

Jesus has sent out the disciples, giving them authority over evil forces in people. Last week, by telling the story of John the Baptist's death, Mark has told us that discipleship does have its risks. After proclaiming repentance and curing the sick, the disciples now return.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

May the Spirit enable us to hear what God is saying to us through this Word. Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

MUSIC *Healer of Our Every Ill* VU619

CONTEMPORARY INTERPRETATION **SURPRISING HEALING**

MUSIC *I Feel the Winds of God* VU625

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love,
thank you for the vast universe you have created for us to enjoy.

Thank you for the mixture
of beauty and fragility
that makes up the world we know.

You are present in all of it
and experience the joy and pain that ebbs and flows
throughout the universe

Lord, we are grateful for
all that brings us joy and laughter, for friends and family,
for homes and financial security, for health care and education,
for peace and a stable government.

Lord, we are all too well aware that many other people
are not so fortunate
and we bring our prayers for them before you today.

For those people
who have no roof over their heads, who do not have a table,
let alone food to put on it,
Lord, have mercy.

For those people whose lives
are affected by walls that keep them out, and are barriers to their daily living,
Lord, have mercy.

For those people whose doorways
do not protect them from intruders looking to steal from them or harm them,
Lord, have mercy.

For those people who look out of their windows but refuse to see the pain and
suffering
right before their eyes,
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you live everywhere and in everyone,
do not let us forget
to seek you in our neighbour, to follow in the way of Jesus, by feeding the
hungry, clothing the naked,
taking care of the poor, the bereaved and the sick, making sure that all people
have a place to live where they feel safe and
a place where they belong.

Make your home in our hearts and help us to share your love with everyone.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

God Commissions

MUSIC *Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven* VU240

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

BLESSING *Sent Out in Jesus' Name* MV212

*Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
To make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of justice and peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O help us to obey, and carry out your will.*

POSTLUDE

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