

JASPER UNITED CHURCH
July 21, 2024
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Mission Statement

“Our mission is to worship God and deepen our Christian faith.
We strive to seek justice, be an inclusive, caring and accepting community,
and to be stewards of God’s world.”

Let an infinite delight create you again; infinite love flow through you.
Steve Garnaas-Holmes

GOD GATHERS US IN

Prelude

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Announcements

Celebrations and Remembrances

Settling Moment

Christ Candle

Jesus once said; “I am the light of the world!” And ever since invites us to follow and learn the mystery of all that we might be.

This light reminds us to come, follow and be all we might be.

Call to Worship

Come and find the sacred in the small thing. Come, and find what treasure lies buried beyond what you now see. Come and find wisdom for the soul. Come and find the quiet centre.

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Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See

VU 371

Opening Prayer

Good Shepherd God, we trust you hear our prayers and gather with your people wherever they are. Here in this place, reveal your presence to us who are gathered in your name. Let your love become

transparent in the words, songs and stories told. Then, by that love, send us out renewed into your world as tender companions to one another. We are your people. You are our God. Amen

Prayer of Reconciliation

(2 Samuel 7, Psalm 89, Ephesians 2, Mark 6)

O God, the rock of our salvation, your faithfulness is as constant as the north star. But your holiness frightens us— for the justice of your love brings judgment on our lives. Like David before us, we would rather build you a temple and keep you safely in one place than have you move about with us in a tabernacle and be everywhere we go. Like the psalmist, we would rather shout the certainty of your favour— a favour as predictable as the rising sun and moon, than face the possibility that our peace may come, not through strength of arms, but through the love of a shepherd for the lost sheep of our world.

Words of Assurance (Ephesians 2)

In Christ, we are citizens with the saints as members of the household of God. In Christ, we are built spiritually into a holy temple of the Lord, a dwelling place for God. **Amen**

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Conversation Time

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, you speak to us in so many ways: in the song of a bird, in the babbling of a brook, in the voices of our friends, in the love of family and friends, in the songs we sing, and the stories of our faith. Speak to us now through the reading of scripture. Help us to hear your voice and follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

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Scripture Readings

Psalm 89: 1-2, 20 – 37, 1-2

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

VU 375

GOD NURTURES – WE RESPOND

Mission & Service

Offering

Offering Hymn: Until All Are Fed (v1 and refrain)

Offering Prayer: Holy God, whose love is so freely given, in response we offer our gifts in service to You. Bless us in our giving for the work of your church and the sharing of your love. We give in praise to You. Amen

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

GOD GOES WITH US INTO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide

MV 145

Commissioning & Benediction

Go forth remembering
this is God's wondrous world.
Let your heart sing with all of creation,
Be filled with the love of Christ.
Then dance to the rhythms of the spirit's call.

Postlude

Ministers: All of us by the grace of God

Worship Leader: Rev. Linda McLaren

Worship Reader: Don Naffin

Greeter: Sandy Naffin