**September 24th, 2023 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Email/At Home Missal**

**The ZOOM link for today’s service, which opens at 9.30 am on September 24th, 2023, can be found here:**

**Sunday Worship September 24th, 2023 09:30 am ZOOM room opens; service begins at 10:00 am.**

**Join Zoom Meeting click here:
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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24th, 2023:**

**Here is the YouTube link for the service from last Sunday, September 17th, 2023:** [**https://youtu.be/f4fpDheXbl8**](https://youtu.be/f4fpDheXbl8)

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**Coming Events** *(save these dates)*

**Sept. 24 Town Hall Meeting following the worship service**

Sept. 24 Summer Services – Historic Ellis Pioneer Chapel 2:30 pm

Sept. 29 Climate Emergency Vigil – Waterloo Square at 8:00 pm

**Oct. 1 You are invited to wear an Orange Shirt to worship**

**Oct. 3 Book Study: Our Home and Treaty Land 7:15 PM**

Personal Care Clinic *(9 – Noon appointment only)* – Trillium United Church

Oct. 6 Climate Emergency Vigil – Waterloo Square at 8:00 pm

**Oct. 8 Thanksgiving Worship & Food Drive** *(You are invited bring an item which is or represents something for which you are thankful for. It could be a photo of a family or a favourite place, a treasured item of clothing, a trinket or knick-knack, a book or gift you received)*

Oct. 12 Trillium United Church Women Fall Luncheon 11:30 am – 1☺0 pm

**Oct. 21 St. Peter’s and the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra 7:00 pm**

**Nov. 5** **All Saints Sunday followed by fellowship time**

**Nov. 18 Christmas Bazaar**

**Dec. 4 Worship followed by fellowship time *(remember a loved one who has passed away since Nov. 5, 2022, please sign their name on the list on the table in the narthex. You are also invited to bring a photo of them to be placed in a special display.)***

**Dec. 8 Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol**

**Dec. 17 Pulled Pork Lunch & Silent Auction following Worship**

 ***bold print indicates that the events are being held here at St. Peter’s***

**The Life of St. Peter’s for the week of Sept.24th to Oct. 1st, 2023**

Monday 6:00 pm TOPS - R.F.F. *(Art Room)*

 **7:00 pm Learning & Worship Meeting***(Parlour)*

Tuesday 7:00 pm Scouts - R.F.F. *(Scout Room, Art Room, Fellowship Hall)*

Wednesday

 Thursday

 Friday

Saturday 9:00 am Windjammers Rehearsal *(Sanctuary)*

 **1:30 pm Choir Practice** *(Sanctuary)*

 Sunday **10:00 pm Worship Service** *(Sanctuary)*

(R.F.F. – Request for Facilities)

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**Pastoral Visits:** Pastor Laura is available for visits by appointment by calling the church office, 519-653

4721. Whether you have a particular pastoral concern or would just like some one-to-one time to get know

Pastor Laura, she would love to meet with you.

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**Cambridge Food Bank Food Drive**. Thanksgiving is fast-approaching and as we have done in past years, we plan to hold a special Thanksgiving Food Drive. You are invited to bring a bag of non-perishable food items which will be brought forward during the worship service. Items most needed include: Canned Meat/Fish, Canned Vegetables, Rice, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Gluten-Free Items, Dry Pasta, Apple Juice, Small Peanut Butter. And, remember your donations of food and money are encouraged throughout the year. Often the food bank can make our dollars stretch farther than we can due to agreements with local grocery stores, so please consider a gift of money in addition to food.

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**Book Study**: **Our Home and Treaty Land** **During the month of October** - “Tuesday October 3, 10 & 17 at 7:15, and Wednesday October 25 at 7:00” the church. Pastor Laura will be leading a group study for the book “Our Home and Treaty Land: Walking Our Creation Story” by Ray Aldred and Matthew Anderson. A limited number of copies are available for purchase from the church office ($10/each). To express your interest, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. To purchase a copy of the book please contact the church office at 519-653-4721.

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**St. Peter’s and the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra:** St. Peter’s, is pleased to host two concerts by the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra during their 2023/2024 season! The first concert will be held: **Saturday October 21, 2023 7:00 PM Cambridge.** Symphony Orchestra Masterworks I with Ken Gee, Piano

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**Start your Thanksgiving Shopping at St. Peter's:**

**ESTA Premium Truffles** $9.00 / Fifteen (15) assorted Truffles

**Pine Hill Wildflower Honey** $9.00 / 500 gram or $17.00 / 1000 gram;

**Snyder Heritage Farms** Organic Maple Syrup $23.00 / 1 Litre Mason Jar

Please contact Alex Black or St. Peter's office 519-653-4721 to place an order.

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**Weekly Bible Study**: Pastor Laura is hoping to start up the third week of September on a new day and time. To that end, please see, and complete the sign-up sheet in the narthex, including the times that works for you. Pastor Laura will go with the time that works for the majority.

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**Trillium United Church Women Fall Luncheon:** Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:30 am – I pm. Cost: $20 (limited tickets). Proceeds to UCW Outreach Projects. Come & Enjoy *(pulled pork on a bun, coleslaw, dessert, tea/coffee)*. 519-653-6601

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**Town Hall Meeting**: Following worship today!

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**Presiding Pastor: Rev. Laura Sauder**

**Organist & Director of Music: Bradley Moggach**

**Assisting Minister: Helga Morrison**

**Reader: Barb Jones**

**Welcome remarks**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Call to Worship**:

***Congregational Response****:* ***We praise you for your glory***

P: Let us awaken our hearts to the presence of God, saying,

P: God before us, behind us, above us, upholding us…

P: God with us, among us, beside us, befriending us…

P: God within us, flowing through us, animating, harmonizing…

*Source: Brian D. McLaren, We Make the Road by Walking. Jericho Books: NY, 2014. Appendix I.*

**Gathering Hymn: ELW Setting 8 - Kyrie *(page 184)***

***Refrain***

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,***

***Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,***

***Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,***

***Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,***

***Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,***

***Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.\****

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**Greeting**:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Theme Time**

**Prayer of the Day**:

Holy God, your servant Jacob wrestled with your angel and prevailed. In honor of his persistence you gave him a new name. Teach us to persist in the face of struggle, and call us by name. **Amen.**

(by Kimberly Leetch - source: http://www. narrativelectionary.org)

**Scripture Song: ACS # 1088 ‘Hallelujah’**

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

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**Reader**:

A passage from **Genesis 32: 9-13 22-30**. May we be equipped by these words to walk in love for God, ourselves, our neighbours, all people, and all God’s creation. **(Brief pause)**

Jacob said, “Lord, God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, who said to me, ‘Go back to your country and your relatives, and I’ll make sure things go well for you,’ I don’t deserve how loyal and truthful you’ve been to your servant. I went away across the Jordan with just my staff, but now I’ve become two camps. Save me from my brother Esau! I’m afraid he will come and kill me, the mothers, and their children. You were the one who told me, ‘I will make sure things go well for you, and I will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, so many you won’t be able to count them.’”

Jacob spent that night there. From what he had acquired, he set aside a gift for his brother Esau:

Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River’s shallow water. He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. When the man saw that he couldn’t defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob’s thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob’s thigh as he wrestled with him. The man said, “Let me go because the dawn is breaking.”

But Jacob said, “I won’t let you go until you bless me.”

He said to Jacob, “What’s your name?” and he said, “Jacob.” Then he said, “Your name won’t be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won.”

Jacob also asked and said, “Tell me your name.”

But he said, “Why do you ask for my name?” and he blessed Jacob there. Jacob named the place Peniel, “because I’ve seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved.” (CEB)

The Living God is with us. **C: And with all creation! Thanks be to God.**

**Engaging with the Story**

**Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30**

Born the younger of twin brothers, Jacob is said to have come out of his mother’s womb, his hand gripping his older brother Esau’s heel. This is why he was named Jacob, which means “to follow or to be behind,” but also, “to supplant or overreach.”1 And certainly, Jacob has lived up to – or lived into – this name.

Coming from behind and always reaching for more. This has been the story of Jacob’s life.

As a young man, Jacob convinces his brother to sell his birthright to him for a bowl of stew.

Later, with the help of their mother, Jacob steals Esau’s blessing from their father; an act that pushes his brother Esau into a murderous rage and Jacob has to run for his life.

He goes to live with his uncle, and slowly builds a life for himself there. His uncle turns out to be just as devious as he is, tricking Jacob into working for him for 14 years. But over that time, in spite of the obstacles, Jacob finds ways to work things in his favour as well. By the time we meet him in today’s story, Jacob has a large family and has amassed a huge amount of wealth.

But as he sets his face to return to his home, he knows that one more struggle still lies ahead – the reunion with his brother Esau. In his worry and his fear, he holds fast to the promises God made with him when he’d run away from his home all those years ago. In his prayers, he reminds God that God was the one who had told him, ‘I will make sure things go well for you.”

Jacob is someone who’s always longed for more than his lot in life. And this week I’ve been feeling an uneasy tension with this, especially with his boldness to ask for a blessing before he will yield in this wrestling match. This kind of bold desire pushes up against all those other places in Scripture that instruct us to be content in whatever state find ourselves. Like in the letter to the Philippians where the apostle Paul talks about how he has learned to be content in any circumstance (4:11).

Theologian Lewis Smedes talks about how his mother always taught him ‘not to wish for much, for wishing is a sign of discontent with what God has given. And if you wish for too much you will grieve the more when your wishes die unfulfilled.’ Smedes admits that mother was right in her own way. And yet, he asks, ‘how can we be content with our world the way it is? How can we be content with ourselves the way we are? The satisfied soul is a soul that has settled too soon for what is. The soul alive with hope is a soul that feels a white-watered undercurrent of wishes for better things.’2

Certainly our congregation, and many congregations in our denomination and others, are not content with the way things are right now. We long for the way things were – when we didn’t have to worry as much about how to pay the bills or how to find people to help carry out the ministry. We look with envy upon those congregations that seem to be “successful.”

It’s important to recognize and acknowledge the longing and desire we have for our community to be different than it is right now. And, we need to ask ourselves: how does our desire align with God’s promises for us?

In his wrestling with this mysterious man, Jacob is relentless. He does not yield until he receives a blessing. Along with the blessing, he’s also given a new name – Israel – to commemorate his victory in this wrestling match.

Jacob will go on to reconcile with his brother Esau, whose side of the story we don’t get to hear. He’s obviously had his own transformation over these years from the brash, young, hungry man who would trade his birthright for a bowl of stew. Jacob’s fears about the reunion were completely unfounded – Esau greets him with open arms and an embrace.

And Jacob is no longer the same man either. He walks to that moment of reconciliation with a limp, forever marked and humbled by the struggle that brought him to that point.

Jacob’s transformation reminds me of how in the Easter season we proclaim that we are a ‘resurrection people.’ This is a hopeful, and powerful proclamation, but what it can mean in practice is difficult and painful.

Resurrection is not the same thing as resuscitation, which is often what I think most struggling congregations would prefer. We would love for an influx of resources so that we can carry on doing church as we have been. Because this is what we like, and this is what we know.

But Jesus offers us the blessing of resurrection, not resuscitation. There is new life ahead, but it will not be the same as before. We will be changed. Something will have to die or be let go of, for new life to rise up.

And in this place, from this vantage point, we can’t imagine what that resurrected life will even look like. The question for us is, do we want to be resurrected, or are we just hoping for a resuscitation? Like Jacob, can we hold on until our struggle yields a blessing?

On my very first Sunday with you I preached on this same story. And the words I closed that sermon with are ones that are still true today, nearly one year later.

I am so glad to be here with you as your pastor, as we wrestle together with the big questions of what God is calling St Peter’s to do and to be in this moment. How will we continue to bless and serve our community? This work is daunting but this work is also filled with possibilities and with hope.

Just as Jacob made it through the night of wrestling to see the sun rise upon him, we can trust that the sun will rise upon us too. We will most definitely be changed. We will not be the same – we may even be limping. But God is with us every step of the way, and blessed and humbled, God will lead us to new life. Amen

1 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacob\_(name)

2 Lewis Smedes. Standing on the Promises: Keeping Hope Alice for a Tomorrow We Cannot Control. Page 12.

**Hymn of the Day: ACS # 922 ‘When We Are Tested’**

1 When we are tested and wrestle alone,

 famished for bread when the world offers stone,

 nourish us, God, by your word and your way,

 food that sustains us by night and by day.

2 When in the desert we cry for relief,

 pleading for paths marked by certain belief,

 lift us to love you beyond sign and test,

 trusting your presence, our only true rest.

3 When we are tempted to barter our souls,

 trading the truth for the pow'r to control,

 teach us to worship and praise only you,

 seeking your will in the work that we do.

4 When we have struggled and searched through the night,

 sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,

 Savior, surround us with circles of care,

 angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

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**Prayers of Intercession:**

A:Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

God who blesses, through our struggling and searching how to be your church in the world, bless us with your power and presence. Help us discern when it is time to fight and when it is time to yield. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways. Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Strengthen all who are incarcerated. Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind especially we pray for those on our prayer list: Bill, Don, Tammy, Alice, Don, Lynn, Helen, Sharon, Donald, Shirley, Clara, Carol, Jeff, Aaron, Mackenzie, Rhett, Linda, Jan, Ken, Robin, Lee, Maria, Deborah, Fred, Anne; and those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts….. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

We pray for our siblings in Christ. For the people of Immanuel City Church and their pastor Roberto Ascencio. For the people of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church in Guelph and their pastor Brian Wilker. Bless them in their ministry and unite us in our mission to serve your world. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

We pray for those serve on altar guild: Sherri, Susan, Barb B., Barb J., and Gee. Bless them and the work they do each week to enable and support our worship life. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.\***

**Share the peace of Christ:**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn: ELW # 692 ‘We Are an Offering’**

**Chorus 1**

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

**Bridge**

All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

**Chorus 2**

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

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**Offering Prayer:**

A: God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,

that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,:00

Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.\***

**Meal: Click here for the communion liturgy from worship on YouTube:**

[**https://youtu.be/ViXmTzRsfU4**](https://youtu.be/ViXmTzRsfU4)

**Great Thanksgiving: ACS Setting 12: ‘Dialogue…’ (page 36) (spoken)**

The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**ELW Setting 8: ‘Preface…’ (Sundays)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ELW Setting 8: ‘Holy, Holy, Holy…’ (page 190 )**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow’r and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**\*

**Thanksgiving at the Table:**

On the night before he showed us the full extent of his love,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

**Invitation to Communion:**

This is Christ’s table. All are welcome here to receive God’s abundant gifts of love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

I invite those at home, and those in the building communing by fellowship cup, to take your bread or cracker as we say together, “The body of Christ, given for us.”

And, as we take our cup we say, “The blood of Christ, shed for us.”

**Communion Music: ELW Setting 8 - Lamb of God *(page 187) &***

 **ELW # 807 ‘Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing’**

**ELW Setting 8 - Lamb of God (page 187)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.\***

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**ELW # 807 ‘Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing’**

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,

 tune my heart to sing thy grace;

 streams of mercy, never ceasing,

 call for songs of loudest praise.

 While the hope of endless glory

 fills my heart with joy and love,

 teach me ever to adore thee;

 may I still thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:

 "Hither by thy help I've come";

 and I hope, by thy good pleasure,

 safely to arrive at home.

 Jesus sought me when a stranger,

 wand'ring from the fold of God;

 he, to rescue me from danger,

 interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor

 daily I'm constrained to be;

 let that grace now like a fetter

 bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;

 prone to leave the God I love.

 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;

 seal it for thy courts above.

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you, in his grace.

***C: Amen.***

**Prayer after Communion:**

A: Blessed be your name, O God,

for we have feasted on your Word,

Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.

Strengthened by this food,

send us to gather the world to your banquet,

where none are left out and all are satisfied.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.\*

**Blessing:**

Oh God, may we receive your blessing,

through sharing your blessings beyond borders.

May we receive your gifts,

from those who carry nothing.

May we recognize you,

in people we do not know

and may we all find a safe home and peace in you

who had no place to lay your head.\*

The God of all grace + bless us now and forever.

Amen

*\*Source: Claudio Carvalhaes, “Liturgies from Below.” Page 47.*

**Sending Hymn: ACS # 991 ‘Go to the World’**

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

 Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,

 baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.

 Alleluia. Alleluia.

2 Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.

 Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

 Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

 Alleluia. Alleluia.

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;

 the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

 As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.

 Alleluia. Alleluia.

4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

 for I am with you till the age shall end,

 when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!"

 Alleluia. Alleluia.

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**Dismissal:**

P: We are a community /

Of learners and seekers /

Alive in God’s story of creation.

A: Let us go forth in joy and peace to love and serve God and our neighbours.

***C: Thanks be to God.\****

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