Sunday, November 15, 2026
Pentecost 25
Love

Sing-a-long with the Trailblazers

A LITTLE PEACE

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JUST LIKE A FLOWER WHEN WINTER BEGINS
JUST LIKE A CANDLE BLOWN OUT IN THE WIND
JUST LIKE A BIRD THAT CAN NO LONGER FLY
I'M FEELING THAT WAY SOMETIMES

BUT THEN AS I'M FALLING, WEIGHED DOWN BY THE LOAD
I PICTURE A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE ROAD
AND CLOSING MY EYES I CAN SEE THROUGH THE DARK
THE DREAM THAT IS IN MY HEART.

CHORUS

A LITTLE LOVING, A LITTLE GIVING TO BUILD A DREAM FOR THE WORLD WE LIVE IN
A LITTLE PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING FOR OUR TOMORROW A LITTLE PEACE,
A LITTLE SUNSHINE, A SEA OF GLADNESS TO WASH AWAY ALL THE TEARS OF SADNESS
A LITTLE HOPING, A LITTLE PRAYING, FOR OUR TOMORROW, A LITTLE PEACE.

I FEEL I'M A LEAF IN THE NOVEMBER SNOW
I FELL TO THE GROUND, THERE WAS NO ONE BELOW
SO NOW I AM HELPLESS ALONE WITH MY SONG
JUST WISHING THE STORM WAS GONE

CHORUS x2

CITY OF GOD

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AWAKE FROM YOUR SLUMBER ARISE FROM YOUR SLEEP
A NEW DAY IS DAWNING FOR ALL THOSE WHO WEEP
THE PEOPLE IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT
THE LORD OF OUR LONGING HAS CONQUERED THE NIGHT

CHORUS

LET US BUILD THE CITY OF GOD
MAY OUR TEARS BE TURNED INTO DANCING
FOR THE LORD, OUR LIGHT AND OUR LOVE
HAS TURNED THE NIGHT INTO DAY

We are sons of the morning we are daughters of day
The One who has loved us has brightened our way
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people to set their hearts free

CHORUS

Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day

God is light; in God there is no darkness
Let us walk in God's light, God's children one and all
Oh, comfort my people make gentle your words
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth

CHORUS

O city of gladness, now lift up your voice;
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!

CHORUS x2

<u>GOD GIVES HIS PEOPLE STRENGTH</u>

God gives his people strength
If we believe in his ways, he's swift to repay
All those who bear the burden of the day
God gives his people strength.

God gives his people hope
If we but trust in his word our prayers are always heard
He warmly welcomes any one who's erred
God gives his people hope.

God gives his people love
If we but open wide our heart he's sure to do his part
He's always the first to make a start
God gives his people love.

God gives his people peace
When sorrow fills us to the brim and courage grows dim
He lays to rest our restlessness in him
God gives his people peace.

Call for Awareness *Loosely based on Psalm 123 by Rev. Darryl Macdonald*

Awake my body, awake my soul!
My eyes open to the One enthroned in the heavens.
I look and see the hand of God around me.
God is full of mercy
in the midst of a world full of contempt and scorn.
Awake my sacred being.

Song We Are Pilgrims **VU595**

Candle Lighting

A Time of Centring

Take this moment to centre yourself deeply in the love of God
and prepare yourself for an encounter with the Holy.
Begin with your breath.
Feel the air pass your nostrils and glide down your throat to fill your lungs.
Drop you diaphragm and let your belly and back expand.
Notice the rhythm of your breathing, and the spaces between you breath.
The air you breathe is sacred for it is the breath of God.
Your body is sacred for it manifests the Holy One in substance and form.
Be aware of your body and how you are sitting.
Let your hands fall open and your feet feel grounded.
Ask of God what you need at this moment and give space for the response.
Take some time to reflect on your relationship with God,
the world, your sacred centre.
Honour your connection to God's creation.
Offer something of yourself.
Be open to receiving God's gift to you this day.
Now, return to your body.
Imagine there is a light the softly glows from your heart,
through your limbs and head,
and radiates out into the world, connecting with people,
animals, fish and birds, with water, soil and even rock,
and give thanks to God for the experience of life.

Song God Of The Bible **MV28**

Scripture **Matthew 25.14-30** New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition.
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14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Another Voice *by Richard Wagamese from* Embers

It used to be that I knew the price of everything and the value of nothing. I was young then. Now, older, I'm thankful that's changed.

These days, I know that the price of friendship is honesty and vulnerability, and friendship's value is priceless. I know that the price of belonging is humility and grace, and belonging's value is irreplaceable. I know that the price of love is equality and respect, and love's value is life-altering. Most of all, I know that the price of faith is the courage to walk through anything with belief in immaculate love-and the value of faith is eternal.

Song I Have Called You By Your Name **MV161**

Reflection Investing In Our Responsibilities

Offering Time

Musical Reflection Queerly Beloved *performed by The Trailblazers*

Affirmation Of The People *by Rev. Darryl Macdonald*

Sacred Bond of friend and stranger,
we are connected through your love and meaning;
in the faces we see, the hands we hold,
the voices we hear, the moments we experience.
Some moments bring laughter and smiles and some bring grief and tears.
Some people are happy in the crowd and others are lonely and lost.
We search our hearts, Holy One, and offer ourselves as we are today.

Silence

We celebrate that all of us are gifts from God;
our bodies, our minds, our spirit;
our gender, our identity, our orientation are all gifts to our humanity.
We search our minds, Holy One, and offer ourselves as we are today.

Silence

We acknowledge that this space is a sanctuary;
we don't own it for ourselves, but are stewards to your sacred space.
Here, we reflect the diversity of God
This is a spiritual home for all to enrich their relationship
with God, with the world and with each other.
We search our souls, Holy One, and offer ourselves as we are today.

Silence

We seek justice in a world of violence, discrimination and apathy.
We seek to bring reconciliation and healing, support and encouragement.
We seek ways to be more inclusive, more engaged in our community.
We strive to learn more, care more and be a better reflection of the love of God.
We search our lives, Holy One, and offer ourselves as we are today.

Prayer Circle *Free prayers for those who need our prayers*

Alan, Angela, April, Barbara, Dan, David, Deb, Dot, Elisabeta, Ericka, George, Johanna, Karen, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Loidi, Maria, Marg, Mark, Michelle, Monique, Nancy, Paul, Paulusi, Rona, Ronda, Rudy, Russell, Sandy, Sarah, Shannon, Shawn, Todd, Valerie & Zachary.

And search us, God, and continue to dwell with us throughout the week to come.

The Lord's Prayer (A Paraphrase) VU916

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In time of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Song Go Make A Difference **MV209**

Blessing *by Rev. Darryl Macdonald*

Find the blessing of love in the gift of life
unfolded by those who come before us.
Find the blessing of love in the gift of life
unfolding through those who are around us.
Find the blessing of love in the gift of life
unfolding through what is yet unknown to us.
God's sacred presence is abundant within our soul;
gracing us with new beginnings,
loving us in every moment and encounter of life.

Music To Send Us On Our Way Beautiful To Me by Alan Doyle *performed by The Trailblazers*