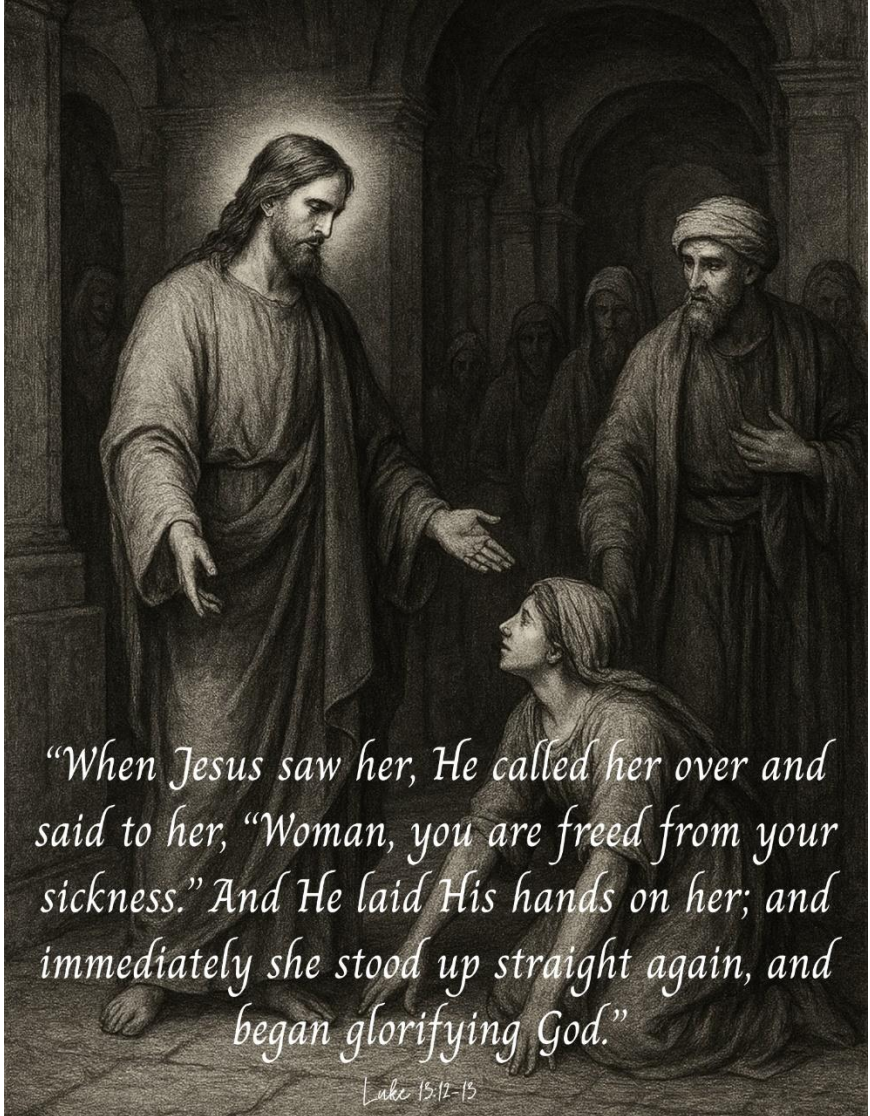


Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 24, 2025

"Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation"

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, let's pray together the Collect for Purity:

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sentence: I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me. *John 14.6*

Hymns are from "The Celebration Hymnal" in the pews.
Please stand.

Hymn #139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Obediah Chisholm

"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!"

"Great is Thy faithfulness!"

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—

"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Oz: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

GLORY TO GOD *(sung)*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Hymn #147 How Great Thou Art

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: **chorus**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin: **chorus**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! **chorus**

Please be seated.
Moment of silence to collect our hearts and minds in prayer.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Rev. Oz: Almighty God,
we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE READINGS

First Reading – Isaiah 58:9b-14

Reader: A reading from Isaiah

⁹ If you remove the yoke from your midst,
The pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness,
¹⁰ And *if* you offer yourself to the hungry
And satisfy the need of the afflicted,
Then your light will rise in darkness,
And your gloom *will become* like midday.
¹¹ And the Lord will continually guide you,
And satisfy your desire in scorched places,
And give strength to your bones;
And you will be like a watered garden,
And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.
¹² Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins;
You will raise up the age-old foundations;
And you will be called the repairer of the breach,
The restorer of the streets in which to dwell.
¹³ “If, because of the Sabbath, you restrain your foot
From doing as you wish on My holy day,
And call the Sabbath a pleasure, *and* the holy *day* of
the Lord honorable,
And honor it, desisting from your *own* ways,
From seeking your *own* pleasure
And speaking *your own* word,
¹⁴ Then you will take delight in the Lord,
And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;
And I will feed you *with* the heritage of Jacob your father,
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-8

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

³ He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

⁴ He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

⁵ He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶ The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

⁸ The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Second Reading – Hebrews 12:18-29

Reader: A reading from Hebrews

¹⁸ For you have not come to *a mountain* that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, ¹⁹ and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words, which *sound was such that* those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not cope with the command, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, "I am terrified and trembling." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood of* Abel.

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned *them* on earth, much less *will* we *escape* who turn away from Him who *warns us* from heaven. ²⁶ And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.” ²⁷ This *expression*, “Yet once more,” denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let’s show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Gospel – Luke 13:10-17

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ Now *Jesus* was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent over double, and could not straighten up at all. ¹² When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your sickness.” ¹³ And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she stood up straight again, and *began* glorifying God. ¹⁴ But the synagogue leader, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, *began* saying to the crowd in response, “There are six days during which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites, does each of you on the Sabbath not untie his ox or donkey from the stall

and lead it away to water *it?* ¹⁶ And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this restraint on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ And as He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and the entire crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Please be seated.

THE SERMON – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

After the sermon, silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please kneel or sit to pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Invitation to Confession

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Rev. Oz: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Rev. Oz: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Rev. Oz: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Please stand.

Offertory

Hymn #410 Standing on the Promises

R. Kelso Carter

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King!
Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring!
"Glorying in the highest!" I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God.

**Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God, my Saviour;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God**

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word by God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. **Chorus**

Standing on the promises, I now can see
perfect present cleansing in the blood for me;
Standing on the liberty where Christ makes free,
Standing on the promises of God. **Chorus**

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by loves string cord,
Overcoming daily with the spirits sword,
Standing on the promises of God. **Chorus**

Standing on the promises, I cannot fall,
List'ning every moment to the Spirits call,
Resting in mt Saviour as my All in All,
Standing on the promises of God. **Chorus**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Oz: God of glory,
receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Oz: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Rev. Oz: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Rev. Oz: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Rev. Oz: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish
us,
to show forth your glory in all the world.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the holy people

who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Rev. Oz: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Rev. Oz: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

Rev. Oz: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People: 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 for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Rev. Oz: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**People: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

THE COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*If you would like prayer during this time, the Prayer
Ministry is available by the font.*

*In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is
welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or
stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable
to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and
they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. If you*

would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion is an important part of our worship. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus' gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

Its No Secret What God Can Do

Stuart Hamblen

The chimes of time ring out the news,
Another day is through.
Someone slipped and fell.
Was that someone you?

You may have longed for added strength,
Your courage to renew.
Do not be disheartened,
For I have news for you.

It is no secret what God can do.
What He's done for others, He'll do for you.
With arms wide open, He'll pardon you.
It is no secret what God can do.

There is no night for in His light
You never walk alone.
You'll always feel at home,
Wherever you may roam.

There is no power can conquer you
While God is on your side.
Take Him at His promise,
Don't run away and hide.

It is no secret what God can do.
What He's done for others, He'll do for you.
With arms wide open, He'll pardon you.
It is no secret what God can do.

Hymn #327 The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.**

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Hymn #343 Amazing Grace

John Newton (1725–1807)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

Please stand.

Post Communion Hymn

Hymn #572 Blessed Assurance

Fanny J. Crosby

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Chorus**

Perfect submission - all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. **Chorus**

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: Living God,
increase in us the healing power of your love.
Guide and direct us
that we may please you in all things,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Rev. Oz: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

Hymn 774. When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be
no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other
shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

**When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.**

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in
Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;

When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond
the skies,

And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. **Chorus**

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun;
let us talk of all His wondrous love and care.

Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. **Chorus**

DISMISSAL

Leader: God has reconciled us to Himself.

People: Let us go forth as ministers of His
reconciliation. Alleluia.

Prayers of the People – August 24, 2025

James wrote, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16b)
This week we pray especially for:

OUR CHURCH

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of
the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land &
Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary
The Right Reverend Shane Parker, Primate of The
Anglican Church of Canada
The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our
Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Church of the Province of South East Asia

In the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

The Mission of St. Edmund King & Martyr, Calgary
Diocesan Children and Youth Ministries

In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands

St. Philip, Mesopotamia with St. Matthias and St. Joseph, on
St. Vincent, the Rev. Canon Ashton Francis

In the Anglican Church of Canada

The Rt. Rev. Richard Reed, Bishop; The Rt. Rev Adam
Halkett, Bishop of Missinippi, and the clergy and people of
the Diocese of Saskatchewan

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The dean, council, and congregations of the South West
Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY

King Charles III, Prime Minister Mark Carney,
Premier Danielle Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark
Councillor Robert Dumanowski of Medicine Hat

OUR WORLD

Kelly and Peter with Overseas Missionary Fellowship
Persecuted Christians everywhere

OUR PROVINCE

“New Story,” is a non-profit organization that helps
Indigenous women become self-sufficient within the support
of a strong Christian community.

OUR CITY CHURCHES

Seven Persons Community Church Maury McNeil

OUR PARISH

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen
and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec.

Reverend John Willems- Blenda & their family.

Bob & Wendy Batchelder; Roger and Gerry Beebe; Stella
Bell; & their family.

Prayer leaders.

Compassion Canada & Teguh in Indonesia and Jerusha in
Ghana

The GriefShare Program

The Saturday Meal Program

The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED

Sonya; Tonya; Nathan; Claude; Bonnie; Uju; Pete; Kaylyin;
Mike; Jim; Bob; Maggie; Shannon; Lorraine R; John; Chase;
and their families

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and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."
2 Corinthians 5:19

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Reverend Oz Lorentzen

Lay reader

Warren Sandham

Prayers of the People

Kathy Exner

Music

Nelson & Sharon Hogg

Reader(s)

Veronica Blocksage

Greeters

Gord & Sherry Nott

Bread/Wine Presenters

Veronica Blocksage & Chioma
Nwokeali

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