



MINUTE FOR MISSION
Your Gifts Support Displaced People in Ukraine

Thank you so very much for your compassion.

The latest stats released by the United Nations are mind-boggling: More than 12 million people are believed to have fled their homes in Ukraine since the invasion began. Over 5.7 million have left for neighbouring countries, and another 6.5 million people are thought to be displaced inside the war-torn country itself.

Irina, a trained nurse, is one of these millions of people whose family has been torn apart by war. Her husband, a history teacher, joined the territorial defence in the first days of the occupation. In the beginning, Irina and her five- and eight-year-old children moved in with her parents; because the home didn't have a basement, they rearranged sofas and furniture to create safe shelter. When a bomb exploded in the neighbourhood, Irina had a tough decision to make. Her parents did not want to leave their beloved home, but as a mother she felt she needed to get her children to safety.

After a lot of agonizing soul-searching, Irina parted with her parents and started walking with her children toward the evacuation point. They were forced to take cover as shelling grew near. Eventually, the family was able to catch a train to western Lviv—a 20-hour journey—and then endured another exhausting 5-hour train ride to Batiovo, Transcarpathia.

In Batiovo they were welcomed into one of 120 refugee centres and shelters. Through bilateral partnership with Hungarian Interchurch Aid held in relationship by ACT Alliance, your generous gifts are helping to provide these centres and shelters with food, water, hygiene products, and household appliances. There, thousands of people like Irina and her children have found shelter and warm meals, and volunteers are doing what they can to offer support and help keep spirits up. For now the family isn't crossing the border; Irina's husband, sister, and parents are in Ukraine and Irina doesn't want to leave them farther behind. She recognizes this might not be an option in the future.

In an unimaginably difficult time, your gifts are not only helping to provide necessities, they are also showing the people of Ukraine you care. Thank you so very much for your compassion. Please continue to hold Irina and the people of Ukraine in your prayers.

**SYDENHAM-HERITAGE
UNITED CHURCH**

June 05, 2022

PENTECOST



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Building the Kin-dom of God

9:00 a.m. Worship Service @ Seasons Bell Lane, 55 Diana

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School & Nursery

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Welcome to Worship!

VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices

While reading our bulletin you will notice some bold print. This indicates that the congregation will read these passages aloud together.

Please note that the Hymns will not be announced

***Indicates to stand as you are able**

Musical Prelude

WE GATHER

Acknowledging the Land

One: For thousands of years First Nations people have walked in this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

We are gathered today on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnawbe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

All: We acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

Welcome and Announcements

Salaam (traditional Muslim greeting)

One: May peace be upon you, as well as the mercy and the blessings of God.

All: May peace be upon you, as well as the mercy and the blessings of God.

Time of contemplation

Amen.

***Hymn - #625VU "I Feel the Winds of God"**

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle – the Christ candle – to remind ourselves us that Christ is present in our midst.

SYDENHAM-HERITAGE NEWS

June 5, 2022

Sunday, June 05

PENTECOST

10:00am Worship (Zoom)

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

FOODGRAINS BBQ

Monday, June 06

9:30am Safe Zone (Calder Hall)

1:00pm Drum Circle (Calder Hall)

5:30pm TOPS (Fellowship Room)

6:30pm Brant County Singers (Calder Hall)

7:00pm Worship (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 07

9:00am Fix-it Club

10:00am Coffee Time (Calder Hall)

1:00pm Crafty Friends(Sunshine Room)

6:30pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

7:00pm Crafty Friends (Sunshine Room)

Wednesday, June 08

9:30am Safe Zone (Calder Hall)

9:30am Outreach Project (Kitchen)

10:30am Coffee (Fellowship Room)

2:00pm Pastoral Care (Fellowship Room)

7:00pm Board

Thursday, June 09

2:00pm Healing Circle for Grieving (Sunshine Room)

7:00pm Choir (Sanctuary)

Friday, June 10

7:00 Friday Fun Night (Fellowship Room)

Sunday, June 12

10:00am Worship (Zoom)

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Rev. Dr. Paul Shepherd, Minister
Rev. Wayne Myhre, Minister Emeritus
Rev. Con Estoesta, Minister Emeritus
Trevor Dalton, Music Director
Linda Brown, Custodian
Aileen Johnston, Office Coordinator
Audio/Video Techs, Lyle Sylvester, Jim Linington
Organists Bell Lane, Cynthia Advincula, Ruth Sylvester,
Pat Dawood

SHARED SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 3, 30, 17 worship at St. Andrew's

July 24, 31 Aug 7 worship at Sydenham-Heritage

Aug 14, 21 worship at Harmony

Aug 28, Sept 4 worship at Fairview

At Home & Needing Our Prayers: Heather MacMillan, Jean Maich; Marion Brose, Megan Cousins; Dolly & Jim Mammourias; Lawrence & Delores Jackson; Alice Woods, Margaret Wood, Gary Vanderstarre; Ken & Norma Preece



John Noble: Emily Wood, Norma Kirkby
St. Joe's Lifecare: Bob Bell
BGH: Carey Maynard,

Prayer Cycle: June 5th - Trinity, Hannon

*** Call to Worship**

One: The Spirit of God moves among us, inviting us into community.

All: The Spirit moves within us, making us one.

One: The Spirit moves through us, bringing healing and wholeness.

All: Let us gather to worship as we embrace the Spirit.

Prayer of Approach (unison)

Spirit breath, you are the wind of change that blows through our lives. Open us to new life and new ways of living.

Forgive us when we close our minds; when we prefer our known past to our unknown future.

Forgive us when we close our eyes; when we choose not to really see the needs and pains of our world.

Forgive us when we close our hands; when we keep our time and our wealth safe and secure for our own needs only.

Forgive us when we close our hearts; when we see our own life as more important than the lives of others.

Spirit of life, forgive us and help us break down the prison walls we build around ourselves, that we might open our minds, eyes, hands, and hearts to your whole world.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

WE HEAR

Readings from Scripture

Whether you take what is written in the Bible as fact, metaphor, myth or story, listen to these words now for the teaching they hold for you today.

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may

make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel - because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

WE GO - TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALING OF THE WORLD

***Hymn** - #209MV “Go, Make a Diff’rence”

***Extinguishing the Christ Candle**

One: We extinguish this candle – the Christ candle – knowing that Christ continues to be present, in us, with us, and through us.

***Commissioning**

One: God of power,

All: may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always.

***Benediction**

Sung Blessings - “Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others, so all the world will see.

God will be there, present in our love.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Postlude



Join us for coffee

go to sydenham-heritage.ca, scroll down to the calendar, and click the link for Sunday ZOOM

Prayers of the People

One: Spirit of creation, we pray for the world, a world which seeks the wind of renewal.

All: We cannot breathe because of the burdens we feel. The poor feel oppressed, the rich feel troubled. The trees and the fields groan with all creation.

One: Sweep over the world with you spirit, your winds, blowing away injustice and hatred, hunger and disease, until all creation dances.

All: God, in your love, hear our prayer.

(share the prayers of your heart, silently or out loud)

One: Spirit of truth, we pray for the church that began at Pentecost, and for all who follow in the ways of Jesus Christ.

All: Forgive us our own self-absorption. Forgive us our desire to only look inward. Empower us again with passion to share your love with all of creation. Help us to go outside ourselves as we seek our own internal peace.

(share the prayers of your heart, silently or out loud)

One: Spirit of healing, help us to grow into healthy people with open minds and hearts.

All: You know where we need to be comforted, and where we need to be challenged. Help us to be spirit-filled people.

Lord's Prayer (The Message, 1993)

Our Father in heaven,

Reveal who you are.

Set the world right;

Do what's best - as above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!

You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes. Yes. Yes.

One: Within these words, let us hear the word of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Music Ministry**Reflection - Pentecost****WE REFLECT**

***Hymn** - #23MV "Come, O Holy Spirit"

**Invitation to Offering*****Offering Dedication**

- #415VU (v3) "God, We Praise You for the Morning"

God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.

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***Offering Prayer** (unison)

A large group of people were fed, and satisfied, from five loaves and two fish. Help us to multiply these gifts so that, once again, our community can feed and satisfy others. Amen.

Prayer Prelude

- #161MV (v1,4) "I Have Called You by Your Name"

I have called you by your name, you are mine;

I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.

I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.

You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul,

make my wounded children whole;

go and tell my precious people they are mine.

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