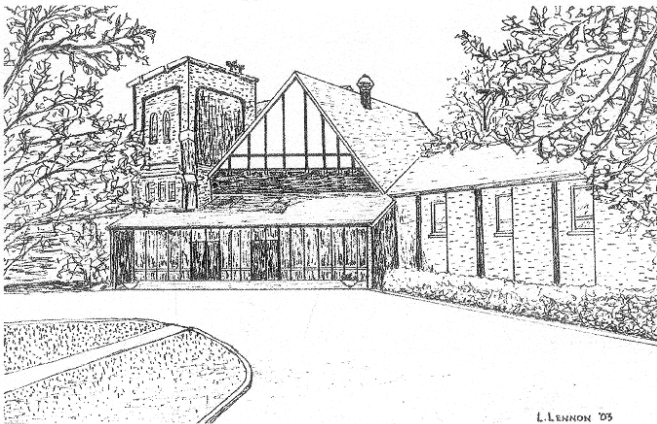


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## *Sunday, July 31, 2022* **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**



### **West Plains Mission Statement**

*We are an active faith community, seeking to deepen our relationship with God through thoughtful worship, prayer, uplifting music, outreach, friendship and study, inspired by a setting overlooking nature. We are a growing church family welcoming people of all ages to follow Jesus' teachings in their lives.*

*\*Indicates an invitation to stand, as you are able.  
VU - Voices United hymn book, MV - More Voices hymn book.*

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

*We begin with a time of reflection.*

**Prelude**

**Opening Words**

**\*Hymn:** "You Servants of God"

VU 342

**Opening Prayer**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations**

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scriptures:**

Responsive Psalm #107 (Part One)

VU 831

*"O give thanks to God for steadfast love"*

Second Reading: Luke 12: 13-21

**\*Hymn:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

VU 356

**Sermon:** "An Epidemic of Affluenza"

**Musical Reflection**

## **GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*Dedication of Offering:** VU 541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures high and low,  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

**Prayer Refrain:** “Lord, Listen to Your Children” VU 400

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!*

**Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Jesus**

## **GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*Hymn:** “Today We Are Called to Be Disciples” VU 507

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**\*Choral Amen** VU 967

**Postlude**

*(You are invited to remain seated until the Postlude is concluded to enjoy  
a time of meditation as we conclude our worship service). Please leave the sanctuary  
(back row leaves first) and go directly to the parking lot.*

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**Minister: The Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner**  
**Pianist: Christy Lamphier**  
**Bulletin Preparation: Bev Biggley**  
**Caretakers: Maria DaSilva and Will Fennema**

*First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are mindful that West Plains stands on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishnabe and Neutral Peoples and that we are all treaty people, parties to the Dish With One Spoon and the Upper Canada Treaties. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with all who live, work and worship on it.*

**Please keep in your Prayers this week:**

Liz Travis, Marnie Gaylard, Lawrence & Tillie Hazzard, Ethel Ballantyne's son Kent, Hayley, Joan & Bernie King, Danvers Leng, Don Gordon, Anna (in Ukraine), her granddaughter Olesya and Olesya's two children, the family of Eleanor Unsworth.

**Wednesday Lunches in the Park** take place at Lasalle Park (picnic tables near the pavilion) beginning noonish. Bring your lunch. All are welcome. Come and enjoy good company in a beautiful setting.

**West Plains Worship on August 7, 14, 21, 28 & September 4**

In order to provide our worship leaders with some sabbatical time (and to accommodate the roadwork on Plains Rd. W.) our Official Board made the decision that worship for the next five weeks will be available **online only**, featuring encore presentations from our growing service archive. We look forward to returning to our lovely sanctuary for morning worship on September 11<sup>th</sup>!