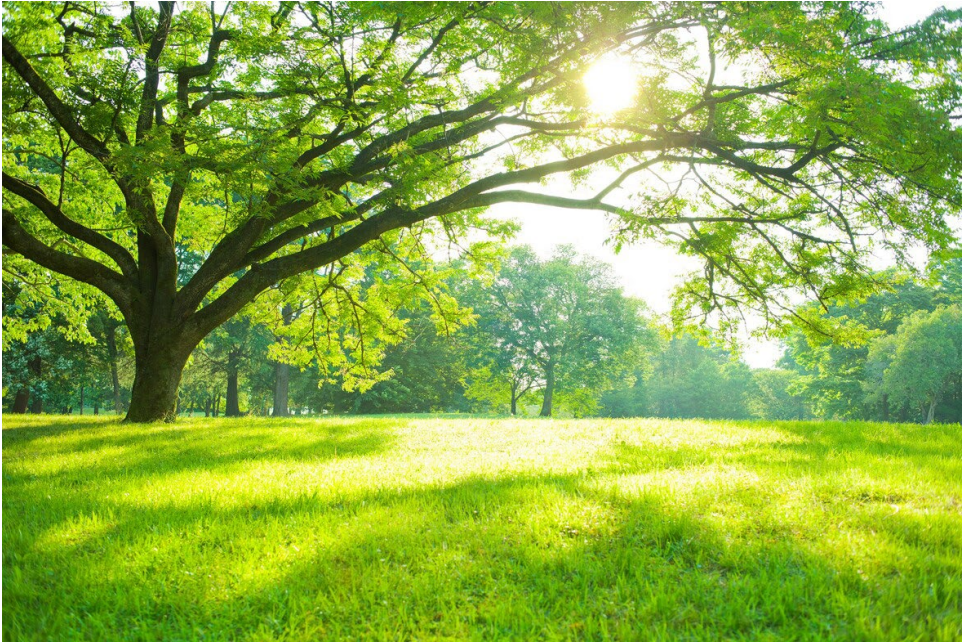


Summer Ecumenical Outdoor Worship



**Downtown Kingston United, Lutheran,
Anglican and Presbyterian Churches**

August 18, 2024 - Lake Ontario Park – 10:30 am

GATHER

Welcome

Brother Brett

Land Acknowledgement

Faith United

Call to Worship

St. Paul's Anglican

From the farthest reaches of our world,
we hear the call to come and be fed.

**SIDE A: We come from the global south,
from the lands of the North;**

**SIDE B: we come from East and West to sit in
community with each other.**

We come as strangers, and pilgrims
on our way to and through sacred spaces.

**SIDE A: We come as those who are hungry,
as those who are fed.**

**SIDE B: We come as those who are wanting and as
those who are filled in abundance.**

We come as friends, co-laborers in the fields of justice,
working for the common good of God's people.

**SIDE A: We know we are friends because we give
of ourselves to each other, as we seek the
common good**

**SIDE B: in one another and seek to meet the needs
of all we meet along the way.¹**

Entrance Hymn - All who hunger, gather gladly

All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
All who hunger, never strangers;

seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Kyrie Intercessions

St James Anglican

Each petition ends with the follow invitation to which we respond in bold.

Let us pray for the hungry and the fed.

Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise - Praise the Source of Every Blessing

Praise the Source of every blessing,
bringing goodness to the Earth,
loving every living being,
filling all with sacred worth.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Radiant life She brings to birth.

Praise the Holy Way of Justice,
leading us to work for right;
join heal all wounded nature,
fractured, poisoned, scarred with blight.
Voices raised to stop destruction,
we will labor day and night.

Praise the Well of Holy Wisdom,
flowing deep within our souls,
guiding us to save creation,
careless action to control.
Still conserving, still protecting,
we will make Earth safe and whole.

Praise the great Creative Spirit,
birthing beauty everywhere,
moving us to loving action,
that Her treasures all may share.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Earth calls for our tender care.

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WORD

Reading

Isaiah 55 :1-3

Chalmers United

Response at the end of the reading:

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word!

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 104:1-4, 13-16, 25, 28

Sung as combined choir Anthem: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"
Composed by Michael Capon, Music Director, St James Anglican

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

Responsive Reading

Sydenham St. United

We rejoice in the abundance of your creation,
the lavish generosity of the water flowing in dry places,
the green plants that spring up out of the ground for food.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We rejoice in the gift of your son, Jesus, whom you anointed to
bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, and sight to
the blind.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We rejoice in the coming of your Holy Spirit,
who guides us, inspires us, and will not let us see rest
while there is hunger in your world.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We have hope today because of your promises that hunger and
thirst will be no more, and that your banquet table has room for all.

We look to the day when all will be fed.

We have hope today because Jesus taught us a new way to love
and serve one another.

We look to the day when all will be fed.

We have hope today because of those whose faithful persistence
has delivered change.

We look to the day when all will be fed.

Gracious God, who called the prophets to act in your name, and
equipped them to deliver your message of justice,

may we be your hands and feet on earth.

Gracious God, whose spirit inspires your people in every
generation to live out the Gospel in our own time,

may we be your hands and feet on earth.

Today we rejoice. We hope. We act.
And we dedicate ourselves and everything we do to you, God of all.
Amen.³

Gospel Reading - Luke 14:1-24,
Read in dramatic style

St. Andrew's Pres.

Message – Room at the Table (*drama*)

A drama from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank

The individuals represented in the drama cannot be present yet their stories are based on relationships with Foodgrains Bank Projects.

Song For Everyone Born

Verse 1 sung as a solo. Congregation joins in on verse 2

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
jus-tice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,
Revisioning the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
For women and man, a system that's fair. **(refrain)**

For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong. **(refrain)**

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
Abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
For just and unjust, a new way to live. **(refrain)**

For ev'ryone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For ev'ryone born, the right to be free. **(refrain)**

Affirmation⁴

St Luke's Anglican

I believe that bread comes from grain that grows
in the wind and the rain with the farmers' help
far from the eyes of city folk. ...

...For all who affirm this statement is true for you,
offer your assent with a threefold "Amen!"

Amen! Amen! Amen!⁴

Prayer of Intercession

St Mark's Lutheran

Response to each petition of prayer

God of Grace,
hear our prayer.

At the Conclusion of the Prayers.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, and pray together this adaptation of our Saviour's prayer.

**Our loving God in heaven,
Whenever we see nature and everything around us,
We remember your name.
May your reign come to us,
The whole world a safe space, where all are invited.**

**In our lives', journey today,
may your will be done, as in heaven.
Give us our daily sustenance, the food of life,
and may it be shared fairly,
so that everyone has enough to eat and drink.
Forgive us, if we forget those who have less and
suffer injustice.
Help us to keep on striving for Justice and Peace,
In our quest for a world where there is no inequality,
where no one lacks anything.
Do not let us fall into the temptation
of wanting more than what we need,
Deliver us from evil, from being self-centered and
acquisitive.**

**For yours is the Kingdom,
the manna, the food of life.
For you are our sustenance for the journey,**

**On the road where there is room for all,
for ever and ever. Amen.⁵**

Offering

*The offerings collected today will be distributed evenly between two feeding efforts - one local and the other international: **The Indigenous Food Sovereignty Garden of All Our Relations Land Trust, Kingston, and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank: A Christian Response to Hunger.***

SENDING

Admonition

St James Anglican

Is not this the fast that I choose, says the Holy One:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

**Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?**

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the One Who Is shall be your rear guard.

**Then you shall call, and God will answer;
you shall cry for help, and the response shall
be, Here I am.**

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

**then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.**

The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;

**and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.**

Blessing

St Paul's Anglican

Go out from here as the people of God, ...
...bringing God's justice and hope to all.⁷

Amen!

Sending hymn — Build a Longer Table

Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

Sending invitation

Brother Brett

All of you who are thirsty, come!

Come and drink – even if you have no money!

Come, take your choice – it's all free!

Come eat what is good!

Go with these words and invite our neighbors to the table.

Go in Peace!

Thanks be to God!

PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS

Sydenham Street, Faith, Chalmers, Princess Street
United Churches

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

St. James, St. Paul's Sydenham, St. Luke's Anglican Churches

RESOURCES

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⁴ Affirmation was included in *Bread for the World Worship Aids II*, posted in Liturgy, *Justice and the Reign of God*.

⁵ World Council of Churches – *Week of Action on Food Resource*, 2018

⁶ Based on Isaiah 58:6-11

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