



**Strathmore United Church**  
**October 24, 2021**  
**Twenty Second after Pentecost**

**Welcome and announcements:**

**Lighting the Christ Candle:**

**🎵 Centering Song:** Lead me God \*VU #662  
Lead me, God,  
lead me in your righteousness;  
make your way plain before my face.  
For it is you, and you, God only,  
who makes me to dwell in safety.

**Call to Worship:**

L: God of Light, rising each new day, you gather us together in  
worship.

**P: Be at the heart of our raising.**

L: You gather us to hear your good news.

**P: Be at the heart of our listening.**

L: You gather us to see the risen Christ.

**P: Be at the heart of our seeing.**

L: You gather us to send us out in faith.

**P: Be at the heart of our serving. Amen**

(Walter Murray, Trinity UC, Carrington, Ont.)

**🎵 Hymn:** Open My Eyes, That I May See \*VU #371

**Gathering Prayer:**

**In wonder and awe we come before you, Merciful God,  
seeking to learn from your word, asking for healing for our  
souls, that we might be prepared to serve you in whatever  
way we can, serve you and others. In this time of worship,  
fill us with your Spirit. Amen.**

(Margaret Wood Trinity UC, Kirkland Lake /Swastika United, Ont.)

**Story Time for All Ages:**

**♪♪ Hymn:** Jesus Hands Are Kind Hands \*VU #570

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 10: 46-52 The healing of Bartimaeus  
This is the word of our Sacred Story.....

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:**

**♪♪ Hymn:** Amazing Grace \*VU#266

**Minute for Mission:**

**The Offering Invitation:**

**♪♪ Sung Dedication:** For the Gifts of Creation \*VU#538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.**

**May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Accept these gifts, O God, and bless them that they may be  
used to spread your love and healing not only here in our  
church but in the world beyond. This we ask in your name.  
Amen.**

**♪♪ Hymn:** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying \*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!**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:**

**♪♪ Hymn:** Forth in Your Name O Christ \*VU #416

**Commissioning and Blessing:**

**🎵 Choral Response:** May the God of Hope \*VU #424

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

**Passing the Peace of Christ:**

We will refrain from shaking hands please but turn to your  
neighbor with a friendly hello. 😊

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