

# PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



## St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY  
GATHERS AND GROWS

June 26, 2022

# Pentecost 3

## LGBTQ2SIA+ Sunday

### Sunday, June 26 2022

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

#### Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Confession and Forgiveness (see pg. 4)

\*Hymn 641

*"All Are Welcome"*

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

#### Word

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Solo

*"Sarabanda in D minor"*

J.S. Bach

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

\*Gospel Acclamation

*"Alleluia"*

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\*Gospel Reading

Luke 9:51-62

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day (see pg. 5)

*"Quirky, Queer and Wonderful"*

\*Prayers of Intercession

**A: hear our prayer.**

\*Peace

#### Meal

\*Offering Hymn 414 v. 1, 4

*"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

\*Offering Prayer

\*Great Thanksgiving

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*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table (by Michael Coffey)	
<b>A.: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.</b>	
*Lord's Prayer in Paraphrase (see pg. 6)	
Lamb of God	p. 135
Communion Hymns 466, 726	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
<b>Sending</b>	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn (see pg. 7)	<i>"All the Colors of the Rainbow"</i>
*Dismissal	<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	

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**On this Sunday, we celebrate the lives and ministry of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in all their diversity. In today's Epistle reading to the Galatians, Paul contrasts the "works of the flesh" with the "fruits of the Spirit". In the history of the church, we have often been too quick to centre on words like "fornication" to condemn non-normative relationships, and to shun and condemn people based on who they love and who they identify as. Paul's lists are helpful in identifying the behavioural and communication goals for all Christians, no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity.**

## **Confession and Forgiveness:**

**P: Blessed be ...**

**Merciful God,**

**A: we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

# Quirky, Queer and Wonderful

## Refrain

Quirk - y, queer and won - der - ful, dis - tinct, u - nique, and odd,

5

all of our hu - ma - ni - ty re - veals the face of \_\_\_ God. No  
From  
To  
In  
The

9

"nor - mal" can en - com - pass or com - pre - hend the range of \_\_\_  
Je - sus we learn rid - dles; he said the last \_\_\_ are first. He \_\_\_  
Pet - er God pre - sent - ed un - touch a - ble \_\_\_ cui - sine and  
Christ the false di - vi - sions of gen - der, class, and race, and can  
man - y parts that \_\_\_ form us each serve a dif - f'rent role. In \_\_\_

13

all the kinds of \_\_\_ peo - ple that God cre - a - ted \_\_\_ strange!  
tweaked re - eived re - li - gion with roles that he re - versed.  
said Do not call \_\_\_ dir - ty what I de - clare is \_\_\_ clean.  
ne - ver sep - a \_\_\_ rate \_\_\_ us from God's a - bun - dant grace.  
Christ we are one \_\_\_ bod - y, made ho - ly, good and \_\_\_ whole.

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## Lord's Prayer in Paraphrase

by Parker J. Palmer

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother  
Holy and blessed is your true name.  
We pray for your reign of peace to come.  
We pray that your good will be done.  
Let heaven and earth become one.  
Give us this day the bread we need.  
Give it to those who have none.  
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us  
From each one to each one to each one.  
Lead us to holy innocence  
Beyond the evil of our days:  
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
For yours is the power  
And the mercy, and the glory.  
Forever your name is all one. Amen

# All the Colors of the Rainbow

Carl P. Daw

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Cyril V. Taylor

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,  
2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:  
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:  
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;  
head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;  
Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie - den, Mir.  
Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:  
so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:  
Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:  
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.  
var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."  
long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.  
and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

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## **Leading Worship Today**

**Minister and Violinist:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Lector:** Kim Schaner

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Choral Scholar:** Nicole Hamilton

**Broadcast:** Jason Smolak

**Building Monitor:** Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

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## **Worship Notes**

**Communion:** For those wanting to receive, you will be offered bread, wine and grape juice for Communion. When waiting in line, please leave 2 meters distance between you and the person ahead of you. The pastor will drop the wafer into your outstretched hands with tongs. The wine will be pre-poured in individual cups placed in a tray on tables (the juice is in the small tray). Please take a cup and your wafer to consume near the baptismal area (where you may remove your mask). The cups may be disposed of in a basket on the front pew. If you do not want to partake in the wine or juice, you are welcome to take the wafer back to your pew.

As it was pre-pandemic, the front pews will commune first (as invited by the usher), and the flow will be up the centre aisle, then returning to your seats via the side aisles. Please be patient as we only want to have one household taking off their masks by the font at a time.

**In our prayers:** John, Susan, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Frank and Bernice.



## General Announcements

**Deacon Scott will be away on vacation** June 29 to July 13 inclusive. Chris Bramble will be with us at the organ.

### Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to our church's current protocols, you may remove your mask when you are in your pew, or while eating or drinking. Apart from these exceptions, wearing a mask continues to be mandatory indoors for St. Matthews members, events and meetings.
- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.
- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Coffee Hour** will be organized on an occasional basis, and dates will be announced.
- **Mingling:** Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble. Please try to keep indoor social mingling to a minimum.
- **Pastors** will be greeting after the service outdoors (weather permitting) or indoors, maintaining physical distancing.
- **Water coolers** are currently disconnected.

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Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.

**Church Fire Plan** For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.



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