# Welcome to St Timothy's

# The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



August 24th, 2025 In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

## **Women Unbent**

That Sabbath day as always she went to the synagogue and to the place assigned her right behind the grill where, the elders had concurred, she would block no one's view, she could lean her heavy head, and (though this was not said) she'd give a good example to the ones who stood behind her.

That day, intent as always on the Word (for eighteen years she'd listened thus), she heard Authority when Jesus spoke.

Though long stripped of forwardness, she came forward, nonetheless, when Jesus summoned her.

"Woman, you are free of your infirmity," he said.

The leader of the synagogue worked himself into a sweat as he tried to bend the Sabbath and the woman back in place.

But she stood up straight and let God's Glory touch her face.

 by Irene Zimmerman, a Franciscan poet, from her book "Women Unbent"

#### Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge with gratitude that we worship on lands that have formed part of the traditional territories, at various times, of the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations. The territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This land was included in the Treaty referred to as the "Toronto Purchase". We give thanks for the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.

## The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: A Trumpeter's Lullaby (1949)

(Leroy Anderson (1908-1975)) (Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

278, Jerusalem, the Golden

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blessed, beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice oppressed. I know not, oh, I know not, what joys await us there; what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion, all jubilant with song, and bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng.

The Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene; the pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David, and there, from care released, the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast; and they who with their Leader have conquered in the fight, forever and forever are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect; O dear and future vision, that eager hearts expect: even now by faith we see thee, even here thy walls discern; to thee our thoughts are kindled; for thee our spirits yearn.

(Ewing)

#### **Opening Sentences**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Gloria (sung)

All: Glory be to God on high,

peace to all beneath the sky.

Praise and blessing now we bring,

worship, glory to the King.

Praise to Christ, God's only Son;

all our sin has been undone.

Grant us mercy, Lord, we pray, and receive our prayer today. For you are the Holy One, who, alone, the victory won,

# with the Holy Spirit, Lord, and the Father, glorious God.

(Page 3 of the Sacred Harp Mass booklet)

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God,

we are taught by your word

that all our doings without love are worth

nothing.

Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts

that most excellent gift of love,

the true bond of peace and of all virtue;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

(*Please be seated*)

## The Proclamation of the Word

#### A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

read by Lucas Dubinski

The Lord spoke these words to me:

"Before I made you in your mother's womb, I chose you.

Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work.

I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "But Lord God, I don't know how to speak. I am only a boy."

But the Lord said to me, "Don't say, 'I am only a boy.' You must go everywhere that I send you. You must say everything I tell you to say. Don't be afraid of anyone, because I am with you. I will protect you," says the Lord. Then the Lord reached out with his hand and touched my mouth. He said to me, "See, I am putting my words in your mouth. Today I have put you in charge of nations and kingdoms. You will pull up and tear down, destroy and overthrow. You will build up and plant."

Jeremiah 1: 4 – 10 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \* let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \* incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \* you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \* from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, \* my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \* my praise shall be always of you.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

#### A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

read by Gloria Shaw

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble

with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12: 18 - 29 (NRSV)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### The Gospel

(Please stand as you are able)

Priest: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

according to Luke.

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*Luke* 13: 10 – 17 (NRSV)

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Homily

The Rev. Irina Dubinski

Silence is kept.

For Rev. Irina's blog visit <a href="https://irinasart.ca/spiritual-reflections/">https://irinasart.ca/spiritual-reflections/</a> or scan the QR code.



(Please stand as you are able)

#### The Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant: Jesus Christ said:

All: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Amen.

#### led by Jane Gardner

#### Prayers of the People

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you during the prayers of the people and respond as indicated.)

Leader: ... Gracious God: All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God of glory and love, peace comes from you

alone. Hear us now as we pray, and nourish us

always at your table of grace. We ask this

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners

and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins,

confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace (Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

#### 292, We Cannot Measure How You Heal

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love, which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.

Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.

(Ye Banks and Braes)

If you wish to make a donation and would like to use a donation envelope, they are available at the back of the church.

All cheques should be made payable to <u>Church of St. Timothy</u>.

You can also donate online through Canada Helps – just open your camera app and scan this code.



If the collection plate doesn't reach you and you have a donation, please hand it to a greeter as you leave the church.

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of glory,

receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our

love,

and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our

Lord. Amen.

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel)

#### Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you;

and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All (sung): Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

(Page 11 of the Sacred Harp Mass booklet)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

All: Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial.

and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

#### The Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Agnus Dei (sung by all)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. You take away the sin of the world. O grant us peace.

(Page 12 of the Sacred Harp Mass booklet)

All persons are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing as appropriate at our services. You may choose to receive both the bread and the wine or just the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask the priest for these as you come to receive. If you choose to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you stand at the altar rail.

(Soloist: Karina Bray)

#### I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me

O I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.

Did ever you see the like before?

I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.

King Jesus preaching to the poor.

I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.

O I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.

O wasn't that a happy day,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
When Jesus washed my sins away.
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.

O I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.

(Spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh)

**Prayer after Communion** (Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Living God,

increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more

than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding

keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the

Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and

remain with you always.

All: Amen.

**Community Notices** 

(*Please be seated*)

Recessional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

#### 434, The Love of Jesus Calls Us

The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing; our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring, for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received, and for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be companions on a journey, where all the world may see that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy; where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go, to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow, to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more; for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days, to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways; that God with men and women may so transform the earth, that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

(Aurelia)

#### The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: The Typewriter (1953)

(Leroy Anderson (1908-1975)) (Performed by Edward Connell)

# Our worship is over – our service begins.



A warm welcome is extended especially to all visitors and newcomers.

Please join us for lemonade on the lawn after the service.

#### **Music Note**

Most of you will have noticed that I am fond of programming a series of musical items, both for prelude and postlude voluntaries, and also on occasion for choir anthems. This is especially true during Lent, and in the summer.

Today's composer is Leroy Anderson (pronounced leROY,) was a celebrated American composer of short, lighter concert pieces, most of which were introduced by the Boston Pops Orchestra under Arthur Fiedler. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and his mother, a church organist, gave him his first piano lessons. He was thoroughly educated in music under the guidance of some

of America's most noted teachers, eventually earning a Master of Arts in Music from Harvard. During his student days, he played in dance bands aboard cruise ships.

Surprisingly, he began work on a PhD not in music, but in languages, and eventually became fluent in a dozen languages. But he was also working as a church organist and band master when his work caught the attention of Arthur Fiedler. The first result was "Jazz Pizzicato", written in 1938.

Anderson served in the army during WWII as an interpreter, but he began to compose more for Fiedler and others, and in 1951, his "Blue Tango" became a big hit, the first instrumental recording to sell a million copies. Among his other hits are "The Waltzing Cat" "Fiddle Faddle", "The Typewriter", "A Trumpeter's Lullaby" and "The Syncopated Clock" which has often been used as a tv show and movie theme. Everyone surely knows his Christmas evergreen "Sleigh Ride", which has had lyrics added in at least two dozen languages.

He also made forays into musical theatre, writing a musical based on "Goldilocks", wrote a rather delightful piano concerto, and was widely regarded as an excellent conductor of not only his own music, but also of many other composers. By 1970, he was world renowned, and received many honours prior to his death from cancer in 1975.

I'm playing Anderson's delightful "The Typewriter" in tribute to my mother, who was a superb typist. In her teen years, she took an unusual summer job: typing the entire Edmonton phone book, which she completed in six weeks with, as far as anyone knew, no errors. As a result, she was a very fast and accurate typist, especially when typing numbers. The family legend is that I got my musical ear from my father (who played by ear), but my fast fingers from my mother.

#### New to St. Tim's?

Are you new to St. Tim's? Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to join us.

Please consider completing a **Newcomer Information Card** (ask a member of the Welcome Team) or contact Ashani directly 416-488-0079 or office@sttimothy.ca so that we can accurately record your information in the parish directory and ensure you are kept up to date with news and events.

## This Week at St. Timothy's

**Regular office hours** are 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday. **In-Person summer hours** are 10:00am to 3:00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Jonathan will be on vacation till September 2nd. Ashani will be on vacation August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Morning Prayer with a Thought for the Day will be broadcast online via Zoom every morning, Monday to Friday at 9:30am.

- St. Andrew's Group meets online via Zoom on
   Wednesdays at 12:00nn for lunch and fellowship.
- Next Sunday, August 31st The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
  - 10:00am: Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming

#### **NOTE:**

All weekday programs & services will be taking a break for the summer and will resume the week of September 7th.

## **Prayer List:**

Please pray with us this morning and throughout this week for the following:

The Anglican Church of Canada: Shane our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Chris, our National Indigenous Archbishop; Andrew, Riscylla and Kevin, our college of bishops; Irina, our Incumbent; Ann, our Honorary Assistant; Jonathan, our Lay Pastoral Associate.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Bishop Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishop.

**Outreach Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff, its weekly community lunch, its men's cooking and support

group, its participation in a community Christmas dinner program, support of the Bluffs Food Bank and Dr. Roz's Healing Place;

for St. Olave, Swansea, its weekly mobile soup kitchen, Romanian orphanage mission, its seniors' meals program and partnerships with various community outreach organizations;

and for St. Paul on-the-Hill, Pickering, its food bank, scholarship program, shelter clothing program, and support of the Durham Region HIV/AIDS ministry and other local community initiatives.

Our Area Community: Armour Heights Presbyterian Church.

Our Parish Families: Katie Hutchinson, Rachel Hutchinson, Heather Ingle Sidorowicz, Eva & Emma-Jane Janta, David, Barbara, Gregory, Carolyn, Brian, Douglas & Christopher Johnson, Kay & Stan Jolly, Jean Jones, Sean Juriansz & Nilangika Fernando, Oscar H. Kelly, Sarah, Robert, Paul, Peter & Laura Kelly.

**Those Celebrating Birthdays:** Julia Tays (24<sup>th</sup>), Perla Swanepoel (26<sup>th</sup>), Liesel Scholtz (27<sup>th</sup>), Joseph Okafor (28<sup>th</sup>), Taylor Ross (30<sup>th</sup>).

Those in Need: Doug Scott, Allethia Liburd, Nicholas, Myrna Robb, Jean Jones, Linda Brovold, Muriel Sutherland, Liz Snip, Barbara Taylor, Bill Travis, Allen Loney, Bishop Ann, Russell Juriansz, Jamie Thompson, Shirley Shannon, Margie Baxter, Marie LaPoint.

# Back to Church Indoor BBQ

# Sunday, September 7th

(Following the 10:00am service)



Join us in the parish hall for a family style lunch of hot dogs, burgers, corn on the cobb & ice cream. All are welcome.

Food donations and volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Please contact Anne DeGrasse

<u>drdegrasse@rogers.com</u> or sign up on the notice

board outside the office.

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"Living our faith in Jesus Christ
with Open Arms, Open Hearts, Open Minds"