

Welcome to St. Timothy's

The Eighth Sunday After
Pentecost



July 19th, 2026
In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

The Seed of Honesty

An old Emperor handed a single seed to every child in the kingdom, promising that whoever grew the most beautiful flower in a year would inherit the throne.

One boy cared for his seed diligently, providing it with the best soil and watering it regularly... but absolutely nothing grew! A year later, all the other children arrived at the palace showcasing magnificent flowers, while the boy stood ashamed with an empty pot.

The Emperor smiled and named the boy his successor. He revealed that he had boiled all the seeds beforehand; they could not grow.

The other children had substituted their seeds out of greed, but this boy was rewarded for his absolute honesty and courage.

(A traditional Chinese wisdom story)

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Larghetto in f sharp minor

(Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876))

525, The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought us to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for our life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
our charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one glorious name we hallow, partake one holy food,
and to one hope we follow, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
we wait the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet we on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

(Aurelia, vs 1, 2, 4, 5)

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,
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,
your Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

*Each reading ends with the line “**Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches**” (as cited throughout Revelation chapters 2 and 3) to declare that the Scripture that has been read is given by the Holy Spirit for all churches yesterday, today, and for ever, not just the people to whom it was written in ancient times.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Isaiah 55: 10 – 13 (NRSV)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139: 1 - 12, 22 - 23

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?**

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

**If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night."**

Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

**Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

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.**

Gospel Acclamation #3

(Please stand as you are able)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
To God with the Lamb and the Dove,
All honour and praise we commend.
As was and is, in truth and love,
and ever shall be without end.
Alleluia, alleluia!

(Page 8 of the Sacred Harp Mass booklet)

The Gospel

(Please remain standing as you are able)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

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

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his

angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43 (NRSV)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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(Please be seated)

Homily

The Rev. Irina Dubinski

Silence is kept.

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



The Affirmation of Faith

(Please stand as you are able)

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.

Prayers of the People

*(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel
- and respond as indicated.)*

Leader: ... Gracious God,

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Hear us as we pray, and nourish us always at your table of grace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

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)

God, the Sculptor of the Mountains

God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation,
we are formless; shape us now.

God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar of the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
you are gate of all deliverance,
we are sightless; lead us now.

God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table turning prophet,
God the resurrected Truth:
you are present every moment,
we are searching; meet us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at every table,
we are hungry; feed us now.

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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 Church of St. Timothy.

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: **O God,**
accept our praise and thanksgiving.
Help us in all we do
to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

During the **Eucharistic Prayer**, following Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19), we give thanks for creation and salvation, recall his saving death and resurrection, and pray for the Holy Spirit to sanctify both the gifts and the people.

Bells may be rung to draw attention to the *Sanctus*, moments when the Church recognises Christ's sacramental presence, echoing the awe shown when God draws near (Isaiah 6:4; Exodus 3:5), as indicated by + in the text of the prayer.

In the **Sanctus** (Holy, holy, holy) and **Benedictus** (Blessed is He) we join the song of heaven — "Holy, holy, holy" — sung by angels, saints, and all creation before God's throne (Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8) as Christ comes among us. It reminds us that church worship on earth is concurrent with that in heaven. In the **Benedictus** — "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Psalm 118:26; Matthew 21:9) — we welcome Christ who once entered Jerusalem and who now comes to us in this holy meal.

The **Words of Institution** repeat Jesus' words at the Last Supper — "This is my body... this is my blood" (Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26) — the Church remembers and proclaims his self-giving love made present in this meal.

In the **Epiclesis** we pray for the Holy Spirit to come upon the bread and wine and upon us, that we may be united in Christ's Body (1 Corinthians 10:16–17; Acts 2:1–4).

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

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship
with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others,
you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices
with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing: +

**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.

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Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness

into the promised land.

When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant: At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,
the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed
them.

Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me." +

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me." +

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.
**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life,
now and for ever.

All: Amen. +

Lord's Prayer: *As children of one Creator, we pray the prayer Jesus taught (Matthew 6:9–13), asking for daily bread, forgiveness, and the coming of God's kingdom before sharing the bread of life.*

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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Agnus Dei: *The breaking of the bread recalls the breaking of Christ's own body given for the life of the world. In the Agnus Dei, we name Christ as the Lamb of God (John 1:29), recalling the Passover lamb of Israel's deliverance (Exodus 12) and proclaiming him as our Paschal sacrifice (1 Corinthians 5:7).*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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.**

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*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.*

Communion Solo: The Seeds of Grace

The seeds of grace are scattered far
by way of wind and hand.

The Sower offers openly
these grains to bless our land.
In weeded plot and wilderness
and busy city street,

the seeds of grace are falling free.
What welcome will they meet?

The seeds of grace are opening
in water and in fire.
The Gardener tends each one in time
to give what they require:
a stream of sun, a mist of rain,
enrichment for the soil.
The seeds of grace are reaching deep.
What promises uncoil?

The seeds of grace are rising up.
unfurling shoot and leaf.
The Steward shields them faithfully
to nurture green belief,
to cultivate a tender trust
that strengthens, sweet and slow.
The seeds of grace are flourishing.
What harvest will they grow!

(Words: Hannah C. Brown, Music: Gaelic)

(Soloist: Karina Bray)

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: O God,
as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through 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)

262, Come, You Thankful People, Come

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest-home!
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

(St. George's, Windsor, Vs. 2-4)

The Dismissal

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

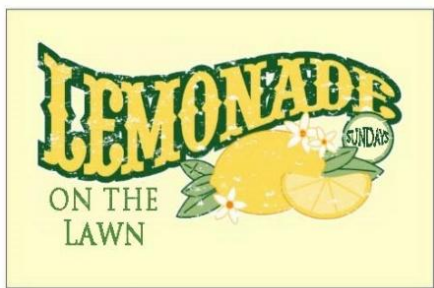
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Holsworthy Church Bells

(Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876))

(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.

This Week at St. Timothy's

- *Morning Prayer with a Thought for the Day* will be broadcast online via Zoom every morning, **Monday to Friday at 9:30am.**
- *A Celebration of the Life of Anne Bateman* on **Tuesday, July 21st at 11:00am** followed by a reception in Soward Hall.
- *St. Andrew's Group* meets online via Zoom **on Wednesdays at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship. Please contact Janet Fraser for details.
- **Next Sunday, July 26th – *The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost***
 - **10:00am:** Service of Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming

NOTE:

Sunday Adult Education and all weekday programs and services other than those listed above will be on break for the summer and will resume in September.

Week of July 20th to 24th



Regular office hours are 10:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday.

In-Person office hours will vary in the summer so please call ahead for an appointment.

Ashani will be on vacation from July 21st to August 10th.

Music Note from Ed Connell

2026 Composer Anniversaries

This summer, I shall continue my recent summer practise of playing works by composers whose anniversaries occur in

2026. This year, it happens that a number of well known English organist/composers have anniversaries, and I will alternate them with other composers from various genres. There are often colourful stories connected to each of these composers, and I'll try to include a brief bio and background as we make our way through the series.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

To talk about Samuel Sebastian Wesley begins with his family background. We start with the first Samuel Wesley (b. 1662) who produced no less than 19 children, including John (b. 1703, the founder of Methodism), and Charles (b. 1707). It is Charles Wesley whose work is most familiar to church-goers today, as he is the author of some 6500 hymns, among them "O For a Thousand Tongues", "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today", "Love Divine", "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending", a hymn hit-parade if there ever was one. Among his children were two celebrated musicians, Charles Jr. (b. 1757) and yet another Samuel (b. 1766), known as the English Mozart. A colourful character, Samuel converted to Roman Catholicism for a time, greatly upsetting his father and uncle, and was unstable enough that he never obtained a post as an organist despite being considered the finest organist of the day. He married and had a family, but this marriage collapsed when he took up with a teenage servant named Sarah. Although they never married, they had four children together, among them Samuel Sebastian Wesley (b. 1810), the creator of our voluntaries today.

It is this Wesley who is perhaps the finest and most prominent composer to use the family name. It is telling that his middle name, Sebastian, was a nod to the then little

known composer Johann Sebastian Bach, admired by his father, and the moniker provided a ready means of identification apart from being one of several other Samuels in the room.

He was appointed organist of Hereford Cathedral at age 22. (Side note: the Hereford Cathedral organ is the main sound resource that we hear every Sunday from our digitally sampled version here at St. Timothy's.) His church career was long and prestigious, with time after Hereford spent as organist and Master of the Choristers at the cathedrals of Exeter, Winchester and Gloucester. His best known anthems continue to be sung today, and he is the creator of no less a hymn-tune than "Aurelia", which we sing today.

He collaborated with the greatest of all English organ builders, Father Willis, on a number of some of the finest organs ever built, including the magnificent 100-stop organ at St. George's Hall, Liverpool, where it remains very much in use today. One of his cleverest organ ideas is the radiating and concave pedalboard, which makes the notorious challenges of pedalling far more practical by keeping all the notes roughly equidistant from the player. This style of pedalboard is now almost universally standard throughout the world.

His small output of organ works is unabashedly romantic in tone, but crafted with the polyphonic care and skill that earns him the moniker Sebastian. It appears that none of his children went on to become celebrated theologians or church musicians, and so he brings the illustrious Wesley family tree to a close upon his death 150 years ago, in 1876.