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THE WORD – WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Responsive Psalm 139:1-12; 23-24 (projected)

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-26; 43-48

SERMON: *‘Little Steps’*

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER, REFLECTION AND REST

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION AND PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

*Doxology:

All that I am, all that I do, All that I ever have, I offer now to you.

Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord.

Knowing that I love and serve you is enough reward.

**All that I dream, all that I pray, All that I’ll ever make, I give to you
today.**

*Prayer of Dedication:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER:

(begin together singing quietly... 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. (2 X’s) (projected)

SENDING OUT INTO WORLD

*PARTING HYMN: *‘One more step along the world I go’ (projected)*

*SENDING FORTH: *(projected)*

* BENEDICTION:

NORMAN KENNEDY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

July 19, 2020

Pastor: Ronda Bosch

Ministry Assistant: Sumi Jung

Pianist: Katie Boyce

The TEACHER according to Matthew (sermon series)



Welcome!

A very warm welcome to Norman Kennedy Presbyterian Church. We, at NKP, are very glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Whether you are here for the first time, visiting with family or friends, or one of our regular attendees, we hope that you will feel at home and at peace among us and that you sense God’s Spirit in our time of worship and fellowship.

As you enter, prelude music is for preparation and QUIET meditation.

THE GATHERING – WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

THE BIBLE IS OPEN – inviting us to hear God’s Word

WORDS OF GREETING:

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you. **And also with you.**

God calls us to this time and place through words taken from Psalm 29

PREPARATION MEDLEY: *‘As we are gathered’ / ‘Blessed Assurance’*
(Sumi, Taeyang & Jessica)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God our heavenly Father, you speak to us in so many ways - giving us strength.

We come, to worship our God and to listen to God’s messages of hope.

Jesus, our Redeemer, you speak to us in so many ways - giving us your peace.

We come, to worship our God and to learn of God’s messages of grace.

Spirit of God, you speak to us in so many ways – and we respond in worship, as we reverently honour the Lord for the glory of his name; and all the splendour of God’s holiness, God’s power, and of God’s majesty.

We come, to worship our God and to be challenged by God’s messages that call us to respond in reverent awe as we give voice to our praises to God’s glory! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER: (unison)

Voice of God, you speak to us in so many ways, through creation, through relationships, through quiet meditation and prayers, and through those times when we gather as a community of faith to share together in our listening for your words of hope and blessing. We give thanks for the blessings we receive as a community, as together, we are strengthened in our faith and hope as we hear God’s words of

truth to us that challenges and inspires us in our faithfulness. We give thanks for the strength that God gives us that encourages us to reach out to others with words of hope to people for whom life has been difficult and stressful. May we listen for God speaking to us through these people; so that together, we may grow in God’s grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and God.

Voice of God, you speak to us in so many ways which opens our eyes, hearts and minds to new understandings of our place in God’s world; amongst God’s creation; and amongst God’s people, especially amongst those who have lost their way in their living and loving. We give thanks for new understanding of what God’s own peace is all about; and what that gift of peace could mean to us as individuals, but also as a community – that is, our community of faith and our own local community where we seek to live out our faith and trust in God. Today we come to worship, praise and thank you, and to learn of God’s messages of grace. We reverently honour the glory of God’s name, God’s power and God’s majesty; and we say with joy and thankfulness – (unison) **“Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.” Amen.**

WORSHIP HYMN: *‘Praise Him, Praise Him Jesus our Blessed Redeemer’*
(Sung by ‘Hymn Group’)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

WE CONFESS OUR SINS: (unison)

Holy God, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; We pray for the courage to admit our fault, The strength to amend our actions, And the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins



The FIRST WORDS of The Sermon on the Mount are “saw the crowds”! And what kind of people are in this crowd? I think we know. People just like you and me. Jesus goes to a higher place from which to see them, then sits down and rests among them. I can imagine a lot of eye contact and a few deep breaths before Christ, who sees into their souls and knows every cell of their bodies, speaks right to their hearts and the issues of their life that have brought them to sit at his feet. He gestures to the group gathered nearby and says, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” What a strange way to start a sermon. Unless it’s actually the most beautiful way to speak to someone there who could possibly be. Or next “blessed are those who mourn” and Jesus knows there are some in the crowd with broken hearts. Maybe then he sees someone meek shyly lurking near the edge. He knows some are there because they have a deep and wounded sense of justice, longing for truth and righteousness. He finds some rich in mercy who may be downtrodden or taken advantage of in life. He sees the pure and the peacemakers, and knows the loneliness these types can experience, but tells them they will see God and be called children – part of his family. And finally, the persecuted, the cast-out, the misfits, who dare to seek him out anyway. He sees and addresses them all, all these types who are drawn to want to know God. HE SEES THEM. He sees you. Before Jesus has anything else to say, he sees you. And what’s more, he knows what you’re going through. He knows that whether you are pure in heart or poor in spirit, that very condition has brought you to him in a way thirsting for self or needing nothing could never do. And he wants you to know: not only does he see you, he has encouraging words for you about the Kingdom of Heaven. These beautiful beatitudes contain wisdom and insight for how you will indeed be blessed. So, sit at the feet of Jesus, know that he sees YOU among the crowd, he knows what first brought you to this place to hear His words, and how that very condition has caused you to be called blessed! Give thanks for His loving promises.



Welcome, everyone to Norman Kennedy Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you have chosen to join us today as we worship the Lord together!

In the months of July and August we plan to meet in our church building at **10:30 each Sunday morning**. Here, by faith, we meet with God and share together the blessings of being the family of God. Please come on Sundays as you feel able and safe – we are offering this time of worship, within respectful considerations for the Covid guidelines as provided by the Gov’t of SK. As you entered, you received a greeting, you picked up a bulletin, you were invited to take a seat where you could safely maintain social distance. By this we mean that you should sit by yourself or only with those who are your family members. Please observe that you are not directly in front of or behind each other – that you have skipped a row as necessary, that you position yourself in the middle or at the end of the pews, also noticing where others are when they are in front or behind. If you need to relocate please do so quietly. If you wish, wear your own mask or take one from the back. But, please don’t let your mask hinder you in sharing your own greetings to others and smiling because of the joy of being together. Within the Order of Worship, there are spoken responses and very limited congregational singing – masks are encouraged for those times. At all of those times, feel free to hum, clap, tap your foot or sing softly – whatever feels comfortable for you and those around you. Children will remain with their families during worship – please help them to follow along with the parts of worship and provide for their attention spans **with something you/they have brought from home**. May you be blessed because you came!

PASTORAL SUPPORT: Please speak with Pastor Ronda if you have questions about the ministries of the church during this time or wish her support in prayer or visitation. In August, pulpit supply will be in place and your elders will respond to any needs.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOUR – please note that this hour of **10:30 a.m.** will be our worship time until and including Labour Day weekend.



Serving in Worship & Work TODAY:

*Greeters & Ushers: Graham & Judy Page & Leanne Irving
Offering Counters: Bev Wood & Taeyang No*



Board members please let Katie know which summer Sundays you are available to count.



An opportunity for families - church families & community families. Every Tuesday, beginning July 7th until August 11th 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The **Outdoor Program** is attracting a crowd! Thanks be to God! However, more participants of children and families needs more support and help from NKP folk. If you can drop in on any Tuesday evening this summer, **please offer your help** to Sumi. The activities (weather-permitting) are all outside in the church parking lot. You can expect music and dancing, competition games, balloons, hopscotch, chalk art and so much more. Pass the word around! Invite cards are available to share.



HYMN SINGERS: every Thurs. @ 6:30 practice for the upcoming Sunday's Opening Hymn. Come as you are able.

The Session of NKP has added the following names to the 'Faithful Service' plaque: *Vivien Smith (Hospitality & Missions); Lil McLean (Elder, Clerk of Session); Elaine Govindasamy (Board*



Convener, Envelope Secretary); Brain Carey (Elder, Board); Del Morris (Elder, Board); Anne Schmidt (Missions, Sunday School Coordinator)

NKP Please Remember:

- **RECYCLING!** On-going here at the church or you can drop off your own items at **Sarcan** and leave the church # 306-543-9080 - the amount is credited to our church.



- The **FOODBANK** bin – filling up nicely. We'll call to have it picked up by the end of July. Bring contributions by next Sunday for this month's pick-up!



It need arises, and you want your church family to pray immediately please contact the coordinator **Mae Morris @ 306-761-0217.**

Church Office Hours:

Pastor Ronda & Sumi are **not** in the office on Mondays.

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- Pastor Ronda's Email: rondankpreschurch@sasktel.net
- Sumi's Email: sumi5447@gmail.com
- Sumi's Cell Phone: 306-999-0246
- The Church Email: nkpreschurch@gmail.com

Visiting or New to NKP: We encourage you to make yourself known to Pastor Ronda as you exit and sign our guest book. If you are wishing a visitor envelope, speak with the usher. FM hearing assist receivers and ear sets are available for any experiencing hearing difficulties. An elevator is available for access to the lower hall where washrooms are located. The congregation is invited to respond with the words in boldface in your bulletin or printed in yellow font on the screen. An asterisk (*) marks an invitation to stand.

