

Nashwaaksis United Church

June 7, 2026 - Second Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Colour: Green

Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Acknowledgement of Place

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit: *Like A Rock - X2* MV 92

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.

Like the starry night sky God is over our head.

Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.

Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Celebrations & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

Come, people of God, just as you are, not because we have perfected love, but because we are learning to live it.

We come to worship the One who first loved us.

Come with your joy and your questions, your gratitude and your weariness.

God welcomes us and meets us here.

Jesus calls us with a simple command: love one another as I have loved you.

In worship, God teaches our hearts to love more and more.

Come, let us worship together.

We gather in the presence of love, and open ourselves to God's transforming grace.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: *Will You Come and Follow Me* VU 567

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer for Reconciliation (Unison):

Loving God, you call us to love one another, yet we confess that we do not always live that way. Sometimes we move too quickly to notice others. Sometimes we hold back kindness, patience, or understanding. Sometimes we become focused on ourselves and miss opportunities to share your love. Forgive us, renew us, and keep shaping us by your grace. Help us to grow in faith, and to love more and more each day. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

Proclaiming Our Faith: *A New Creed* VU 918

Ministry of Music: *My Love Colours Outside The Lines*

Time for the Young & Young At Heart

Reading:

John 13:34-35

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Love More and More*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: *Make me a Channel of your Peace* VU 684

CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL SERVICE AND BLESSING

Introduction

Litany of Gratitude (Responsive):

Today we give thanks for Jack's years of faithful presence.

We give thanks for the gift of shared life.

For acts of service both visible and unseen,

We give thanks.

For time offered generously and hearts offered freely,

We give thanks.

For laughter shared, burdens carried, and moments of care,

We give thanks.

For the ways Christ's love has been reflected through Jack's life among us,

We give thanks and offer our blessing.

Though paths change and new chapters begin,

We remain connected in faith and love.

Prayer of Blessing

How Can I Give?

- 1) If you have internet banking, you can E-transfer funds to Nashwaaksis United Church by sending the funds to donations@nashwaaksisunited.ca.
- 2) You can go to www.CanadaHelps.org and search for Nashwaaksis United Church. We are the first one on the list when searching for Nashwaaksis United Church. You can confirm it is us by checking the address.
- 3) You can reach out to Judy and sign up for a or increase your pre-authorized remittance (PAR) donation which comes out of your bank account or credit card once a month. You can make changes to this at any time, just reach out to Matthew. His email is in today's announcements sheet.
- 4) Lastly you can give here in person by dropping your donation into the offering plate at the doors when you come in or when you leave following the worship. And if you don't have an envelope, some have been placed in the pews for your convenience.

Dedication Verse:

Sing Thanks X2

TLUS 58

Sing thanks to our God. Sing thanks to our God.

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Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Generous God, we offer our gifts with gratitude: gifts from the work of our hands, the generosity of this community, and the abundance of your love. Bless what has been given and use it to bring hope, care, and connection wherever it is needed. Continue shaping us through small acts of faithfulness so that, together, we may grow in love more and more. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

Go to the World

VU 420

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

We have gathered in the presence of God's love.

Now we go to share that love with the world.

We do not go because we are finished growing.

We go trusting that God continues shaping us.

Love one another - in quiet acts, in patient moments, in everyday life.

We will seek to love more and more.

Benediction

Choral Closing:

I Am Walking a Path of Peace - X2

MV 221

I am walking a path of peace.

I am walking a path of peace.

I am walking a path of peace.

Lead me home. Lead me home.

Closing Music