

**Grey Street United Church**

Proper 17  
September 1/2019

**LIFE AND WORK**

**\*HYMN: MV1 LET US BUILD A HOUSE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

This morning we return to gather for worship in God's house!  
**The house we build is constructed out of love and out of dreams.**

It is a safe place of welcome, peace and justice ... it is Holy Ground.

**We gather to reconnect, rebuild relationships, and recommit our faith in God.**

We gather to share our hopes and our concerns for one another. We gather because God calls...

**We gather to praise and worship as one body in Christ.**

**OPENING PRAYER** Lords Prayer (spoken)

**\*HYMN: MV142 OH A SONG MUST RISE**

**SCRIPTURE:**

**Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16,13-25**

*(INSTRUCTIONS ON LIVING MUTUAL LOVE)*

**Luke 14:1,7-14**

*(THOSE WHO EXALT THEMSELVES WILL BE HUMBLED)*

**MESSAGE**

**\*HYMN: VU696 HOMELESS PEOPLE, WILL YOU LISTEN**

**OFFERING** *Introit:vu579 vs2*

*The church is wherever God's people are helping,  
Caring for neighbours in sickness and need.*

*The church is wherever God's people are sharing  
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN: VU697 O FOR A WORLD**

**SENDING FORTH**

Go from here into the new week ahead;  
go out as people of faith,  
claiming the authority of Jesus Christ.  
And filled with the power of the Spirit of God. Amen

**SUNG BENEDICTION:** mv211

*Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ,  
so you may be nourished by the Word of Life.*

**May the Peace of Christ Be With You...**

**POST LUDE**

Scripture :

**Hebrews 13:1-16 New  
International Version**

*Concluding Exhortations*

**13** Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup>Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

<sup>4</sup>Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>6</sup>So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?”<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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<sup>15</sup>Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. <sup>16</sup>And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

**Luke 14:1,7-14 New  
International Version**

*Jesus at a Pharisee’s House*

**14** One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

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<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable:

<sup>8</sup>“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. <sup>9</sup>If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the

other guests. <sup>11</sup>For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.

<sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed.

Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”