

# *Central United Church*

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*Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> 2023*  
*Twelfth after Pentecost*

*We gather....*

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

Passing of the Peace:

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you

Response: **And also with you**

## **PSALM 67 (Responsive)**

*May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
**that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.***

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.***

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
**The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.***

*May God continue to bless us;*  
**let all the ends of the earth revere him. Amen**

Prayer of Confession:

**Lord Jesus, you suffered that I might be saved. And yet your suffering is not at an end. For still you have to bear with me, stumbling as I walk along the path, and constantly going astray. How often have I become impatient wanting to give up your way! And how often have you given me the encouragement and helping hand that I need. Cover my sin with your love.**

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Offering and Offertory

*We hear....*

Scripture Lesson: *(Page 686 OT)*

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Epistle Lesson: *(Page 160 NT)*

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Hymn: "Your Will Be Done"

Gospel Lesson: *(Page 17 NT)*

Matthew 15:21-28

Message: **"Let the nations be glad!"** *Rev. Christina Ng*

## *We respond.....*

Hymn: "Your Will Be Done"

Pastoral Prayers

Commissioning and Blessing

## *Next Week's Bible Readings*

*We invite you to read the scriptures in preparation  
for next Sunday, Thirteenth after Pentecost:*

*Isaiah 51:1-6*

*Psalms 138*

*Romans 12:1-8*

*Matthew 16:13-20*

## *Take Note*

### **Guest Minister – Rev. Christina Ng**

Christina has been pastoring for 20 years. She obtained her Master of Divinity from Tyndale Seminary in 2003, and was ordained by CBOQ (Canadian Baptists of Ontario & Quebec) in 2012. She is also a Certified Spiritual Director with a Doctor of Ministry degree in Spiritual Direction from Fuller Theological Seminary in California since 2019.

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