



St Peter's, St Andrew's, & St Mark's
United Churches
Sunday Morning Worship

Whoever Welcomes

July 2nd, 2023 – Sacrament of Baptism

5th Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Ryan Fea presider

As followers of Jesus Christ, our Mission at St. Peter's United Church in Sudbury is to worship God, to nurture faith, to foster a caring, inclusive, and affirming church family, to serve our community, to work for peace and justice, and to respect the earth.

BOLD print indicates an invitation for congregational response

RINGING OF THE BELL

MUSICAL CENTRING *Intro* Amy Hallman Grout
by Christoph Graupner

WELCOME/BIENVENUE

People of all ages, identities, and walks of life
are welcome.

Wherever you are, whoever you are,
we welcome you in love and
community to worship.

Wherever we are, we're close in
one another's hearts.

Toutes et tous sont bienvenus, peu importe l'âge,
l'identité ou les conditions de vie.

Peu importe où que vous soyez, qui
que vous soyez, nous vous accueillons dans
l'amour et la communauté pour
louer Dieu ensemble.

Notre amour n'est jamais limité par la distance.

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

We acknowledge that the lands our churches and many of our homes sit on have been stewarded by the first peoples of Turtle Island, among them the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng Anishinabek peoples. **We commit ourselves as a faith community to the multi-generational work of reconciliation, the pursuit of true justice and flourishing well-being for all peoples who now call Canada home.**

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

O Sing to God a song of steadfast love,
For we have been greeted by God.

O Dance for God a waltz of welcome,
For we have been embraced by God.

O Create for God a portrait of hope,
For we have been inspired by God.

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE

light a candle at home if it is safe to do so

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

Safe Space Declaration



**"I was there to hear your boring cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Carol Germa

You patiently wait for us on the threshold of your Realm, ready to welcome us as we step across the doorway of your Kin-dom. As we see your inviting lights, we feel the warmth of your love. May we open doors to your Realm. May we be your encouraging embrace and your melodic voice of welcome in a world filled with harsh tones. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

Carol Germa

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

INTRODUCTION

In the sacrament of baptism the ordinary things of life —water, oil, light— point beyond themselves to God and God's love, teaching us to be alert to the sacred in the midst of life. Before conscious thought or action on our part, we are born into the brokenness of this world. Before conscious thought or action on our part, we are surrounded by God's redeeming love. Baptism is the means by which we are received into the covenanted community of the church. In the act of baptism lies the nurturing, sustaining, and transforming power of God's love and our grateful response to God's grace.

- The Song of Faith

We exercise our membership within a local community of faith. Today we are to welcome a child into the body of Christ through baptism with water and in the threefold name of God.

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

Elder of the Church Elizabeth Denton: On behalf of the congregation of St Peter's United Church, I present Fabrizio Joaquin Salhuana-Valente for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.



PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES

PROMISES OF THE PARENT

(To parents Emilia Valente and Hugo Salhuana)

Do you believe in God, Source of love;
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power.

We do, by the grace of God.

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ,
do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

We will, God being our helper.

Will you follow the way of Christ,
and proclaim Jesus in your words and actions?

We will, God being our helper.

Will you share your gifts with your siblings in faith
and join them to celebrate God's presence,
live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

We will, God being our helper.

Will you pray for Fabrizio,
encourage him by your words and actions,
and walk with him in righteous paths?

We will, God being our helper.

PROMISES OF GODPARENTS AND GODSISTER

(To Micheal Rizzo and Ingrid Rizzo - Godparents and Valentina Rizzo - Godsister)

Will you pray for this child,
And take care that he may learn and live his faith?

We will, God being our helper.

Will you grow in faith with this child,
trusting that, "we are not alone, we live in God's world"?

We will, God being our helper.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT

(The congregation is invited to stand as you are able)

As a baptized and baptizing church,
do you commit yourselves to support and nurture
these people within a community which worships God,
loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

We do, by the grace of God.

Let us now join in a statement of our communal faith: *(Please stand as you are able)*

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:**



who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF THE WATER

(Fabrizio's Godsister Valentina will pour the sacred water sourced in nature into the font)

Let us pray.

Gracious and Holy God,
we bless you for the gift of life,
and, within it, the gift of water.
Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation.
By water comes the growth of all things.
You led the children of Israel through the water to freedom.
In the waters of the Jordan was your child Jesus baptized.
Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do,
that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ,
in whose name we pray.

And gathering all of our prayers into one,
we join in a contemporary adaption of the Prayer that Jesus taught:

**Loving God, close as breath,
may your name be kept holy.
May your day of justness and integrity come,
and may everyone walk your path of peace.
By your grace we have what we need.
Show us mercy when we fall short,
and help us to be gracious to others.
Times of trial will not weaken our faith,
nor will evil overcome us.
For we live in your world, follow you, and worship you,
every day, forever. Amen.**

BAPTISM

Fabrizio Joaquin Salhuana-Valente, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, Mother to us all.
Amen.



ANOINTING

Fabrizio, beautiful, precious, child of God,
with the sign of the cross,
you are marked as one with Christ, God's anointed.

Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

(Fabrizio's circle of support – parents, Godparents, Godsister may join Rev. Ryan in this rite)

The Holy Spirit be upon you and within you, Fabrizio,
child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the Church.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF CANDLE AND BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

(Fabrizio will be presented a Baptismal certificate and candle by a rep from Congregational Care)

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.
Fabrizio, we give you this candle,
to show that God's love shines on you,
and so you might shine as a light of the world,
to the glory of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Amen.

DECLARATION AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

Into the household of faith,
we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.
This is the newest member of the body of Christ.

(The congregation may applaud)

BLESSING

The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you.

Amen.

SUNG BLESSING

On The Day You Were Born
by Red Grammer

**On the day that Fabrizio was born
On the day that Fabrizio was born
On the day that Fabrizio was born
The angels sang and blew on their horns
And they danced, they danced
They smiled and raised up their hands
On the day, on the day that Fabrizio was born**

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

A Welcoming Welcome



MUSICAL OFFERING *The Circle Game* Amy Hallman Grout
by Joni Mitchell

MINUTE FOR CLIMATE Welcoming Kaleo Duncanson-Hales
*Throughout the summer Kaleo will share weekly messages with us
in the role of Youth Climate Motivator with the United Church*

OFFERING *We offer our prayer, time, talent, reflections, and resources*
*If you are visiting from St Andrew's or St Mark's in-person and would like to make an offering to your home
congregation please make sure that any envelopes are clearly marked with the name of your congregation. Any
envelopes that are not marked otherwise will be considered an offering to the work and life of the host
congregations.*

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or donate directly through e-transfers to offerings@stpetersunited.ca
If you wish to or already give through Pre-Authorised Remittance (PAR) you can take the opportunity
to increase your giving by emailing: donorservices@stpetersunited.ca

OFFERING MUSIC *Stars of Morning* Amy Hallman Grout
music by Ruth Watson-Henderson

Music will play during the passing of the collection plate

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Spirit of God, when we share from our souls, we open our hearts to your works
in this world. When we tend to our neighbors who struggle, we care for the
Christ in our midst. When we welcome the prophet who shares your love
through their advocacy, we care for the Spirit moving throughout our world.
When we share with a stranger, we experience Divine joy as our reward for
giving. Bless all gifts as they build your Realm here on earth. Amen.**

HYMN VOICES UNITED 644 I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry
verse 7

**"I was there to hear your borne cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold."**

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING *Fughetta* Amy Hallman Grout
by Johann Pachelbel

~ Thank you for joining in Worship today ~



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**Our thanks to Amy Hallman Grout
for today's musical accompaniment**



An Affirming
Congregations of the
United Church of



UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

- July 2nd.** Shared Summer Service hosted by St Peter's United – 5th Sunday After Pentecost – Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism
- July 9th.** Shared Summer Service hosted by St Peter's United – 6th Sunday After Pentecost
- July 16th.** Pride Sunday – Shared Summer Service hosted by St Peter's United – 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Services from July 23rd to Aug 6th will be hosted by St Andrew's United Church in-person at 111 Larch St, Sudbury, and online at:
<https://www.youtube.com/@st.andrewsunitedchurch7712/streams>

Services from July 23rd to Aug 6th will be hosted by St Mark's United Church in-person at 45 Walford Rd, Sudbury, and online at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318278237?pwd=Tm10eVZ2VGVLd3hKM09ZSTNZd1BFZz09>

After the shared summer services series
St Peter's returns to our fall worship schedule Sept 3rd, 2023
Please consult the website and weekly announcements for more details:
www.stpetersunited.ca

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Liturgy:

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"On the Day You Were Born" by Red Grammar.

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