



# Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church

**One in Christ, Reaching Out to Many**

“VAPC acknowledges that we are gathering on  
Treaty 7 lands”

**May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10:00am**

**Mission Awareness Sunday**

**Understanding Truth: Living Reconciliation**

**GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**\* If you are able, please stand for these parts of worship.**

Prelude	<i>Prelude in E Flat Major</i>	C. Franck
	<i>Ayre</i>	S. Wesley
	<i>Gavotte</i>	S. Wesley

Life and Work of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: There is no part of creation that does not reflect God’s image

**People: Jesus presents us life in all its fulness**

Leader: The church is commissioned to celebrate life and to resist all life-destroying forces

**People: Mission begins in the heart of God**

Leader: Mission is about the transformation of all God’s creation

**People: The church exists to bring healing and reconciliation to the world**

\*Hymn 765 *We’ve a story to tell to the nations*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Declaration of forgiveness

\*Hymn 401 *O Spirit of the living God*

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**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

Scriptures Daniel 1: 1-7

A Time with Young Christians Susan Rutherford

Scriptures 2 Corinthians 5: 16 – 21 Alastair Starke  
Matthew 5: 21 -24

Anthem *Prayer for Partnership* T. Mitchell

Sermon “Making Wolf”

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND ACTION**

\*Hymn 758 *Christ’s is the world*

Prayers of the People (see insert)

Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory *Take My Life and Let It Be* arr. S. Tucker

\*Doxology 830  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD**

\* Hymn 761 *Who’s goin’ to tell the story*

\*Commission and Benediction

\*Choral Amen

\*Choral Blessing

Postlude *Allegro* H. Purcell

## Prayers of the People

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Leader: Though we think we are all right and it is others who need to change; it is those who are poor, sick and powerless who need more help than us, we have become complicit in a system that has made it possible for people to become poor, sick and powerless. Let us pray to God:

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Leader: We have taken the command to subdue the earth as a license for domination. We believe anything we can see, or touch could be ours exclusively—it's finders' keepers! There are times we even feel only people like us may experience your grace and love. Let us pray to God:

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Leader: Our earth, our neighbours and we, ourselves, are victims to a culture of domination. We have become desensitized to and a part of its dehumanizing tendencies. We have become blind to its life destroying force. The whole of creation is in need of healing and reconciliation. Let us pray to God:

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