

## BIBLE READINGS -

Genesis 18:1-15 and 21:1-7 (Page 15 & 18)

Romans 5:1-8 (Page 1116)

**HYMN:** 154 *“Great is Your Faithfulness”*

**MESSAGE:** *“Laughter! This Time Next Year”* Krikor Youmshajekian

**HYMN:** 217(i) *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

## PRAYER

If we had a fraction of the faith in You that You have in us,  
*Then this world would be transformed, Lord.*

If we showed a fraction of the love that You show to us,  
*Then this world would be transformed, Lord*

If we possessed a fraction of the patience that You display with us,  
*Then this world would be transformed, Lord.*

If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from  
You,  
*Then this world would be transformed, Lord.*

If we showed as much trust in others as You have shown in us,  
*Then this world would be transformed, Lord.*

If we claimed just a fraction of the power You promised to your Church,  
*Then this world would be transformed, Lord.*

Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world,  
*Through your love and your power.*

**OFFERING -** *Help us to give freely and with pleasure.*

**HYMN:** *“Go Out with Joy”*

## BLESSING

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be  
upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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## Longueville - St. Andrew's Uniting Church



## ORDER OF SERVICE

14 June 2020

Pentecost 2

## CALL TO WORSHIP

I give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will glorify Your name.

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord. We will sing praises to our God.*

Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**HYMN: 104** “*While Morning is Still Breaking*”

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiring of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## RESPONSIVE READING

I give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart,

*I will glorify Your name.*

Generous God, Your love bids us welcome. Give Your Church an open heart . . . .

*Unite Your gathered people into a true fellowship of Your Son.*

Generous God, Your Son gave a model of simple charity. Transform our governance with such willing compassion . . .

*May the hungry find food shared and the thirsty be revived.*

Generous God, break down the barriers that divide communities and increase hostilities. Extend the hands of friendship to soften hardened hearts . . .

*Remove all that diminishes people’s worth.*

Generous God, pour out Your love and compassion on all who cry ‘*How long, O Lord*’ . . .

*Shine Your light into the darkness.*

Generous God, receive with mercy and forgiveness all who have died . . .

*Comfort those who grieve and bring us to share in the reward of the righteous.*

**HYMN: 205** “*Join All the Glorious Names*”

## RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING - *Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*

I love the Lord, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy.

*Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.*

How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?

*I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.*

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His saints.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.*

O Lord, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have freed me from my chains.

*I will sacrifice a thank offering to You and call on the name of the Lord.*

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His saints.

*In the courts of the house of the Lord – in Your midst, O Jerusalem.*

*Praise the Lord.*

**HYMN: 376** “*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*”

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of mercy and grace, we confess that when temptation has come our way we have often failed to meet its challenge. We have strayed from what we know to be right. We have taken the easy way instead of the way that leads to life. We have sought our own security in mere possessions, status, and wealth instead of placing our trust in You. Forgive us, we pray, in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God “*does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us*”. (Psalm 103:10-12)

*Thanks be to God.*

## TIME TO PRAY

*In silence please offer your prayers to the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus.*

## THE LORD’S PRAYER