# July‒September 2021 Offering Invitations and Prayers

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## July 4, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

### Invitation

We invite you at this time to share God’s abundance—in person, online at [*insert your own website here or use* [*united-church.ca/donate*](https://united-church.ca/donate)], through PAR, or in any way that you feel called to do so. We celebrate the time, talent, and labour represented in our gifts today and those given through PAR, to continue our ministry here in our community of faith, and across the world through Mission & Service.

### Prayer

In celebration and thankfulness for all we have received, we now share our offerings. May they be used to continue God’s work wherever they are needed. Amen.

## July 11, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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### Prayer

May these gifts, and those given through PAR, bring hope and healing as God’s love is shared with the world. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to God’s work. Amen.

## July 18, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

### Invitation

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### Prayer

We give thanks this day for the opportunity to share our inheritance from God with others in this community and across the world through Mission & Service, with the gifts we now bring and the gifts given through PAR. Amen.

## July 25, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

### Invitation

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### Prayer

We offer ourselves with our gifts, knowing that you have a purpose for us and for them. Expand our limited vision to see new possibilities. May our offerings, and those given through PAR, reach beyond our ideas and be of service to your household of love. Amen.

## August 1, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Invitation

We invite you at this time to share God’s abundance—in person, online at [*insert your own website here or use* [*united-church.ca/donate*](https://united-church.ca/donate)], through PAR, or in any way that you feel called to do so. We return to God, through the ministry and outreach of this church, a portion of the gifts God has entrusted to us. Our gifts will be used to serve the needs of those close to us and those across the world through Mission & Service.

### Prayer

In gratitude for the gifts that we enjoy in this fellowship, in our families and in this community, we bring our offerings today. Bless each gift―as well as those given through PAR―as it is multiplied by the good that is done through our time and talents. Amen.

## August 8, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

### Invitation

We invite you at this time to share God’s abundance—in person, online at [*insert your own website here or use* [*united-church.ca/donate*](https://united-church.ca/donate)], through PAR, or in any way that you feel called to do so. We come with our own special gifts. We come as a gifted congregation, marked by abundance. We make our offering for our community of faith and for the wider world through Mission & Service.

### Prayer

O God of the many spectacular gifts, we give in thanksgiving. We pray that you may take these gifts that we offer as well as those given through PAR, blessing and sanctifying all that we give. Let your love grow and spread around us. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

## August 15, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

### Invitation

We invite you at this time to share God’s abundance—in person, online at [*insert your own website here or use* [*united-church.ca/donate*](https://united-church.ca/donate)], through PAR, or in any way that you feel called to do so. We come as people who have been lavishly fed by God. We give to our community of faith and through Mission & Service so that a hungry world may dine afresh.

### Prayer

We come, O God, as those both abundantly fed, and yet who still hunger. Bless our own spirits as we give. Bless all those who hunger this day. May your food be shared, and the hungry held in care through these gifts and those given through PAR. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

## August 22, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Invitation

We invite you at this time to share God’s abundance—in person, online at [*insert your own website here or use* [*united-church.ca/donate*](https://united-church.ca/donate)], through PAR, or in any way that you feel called to do so. In this moment of our lives, we are called to rejoice and give thanks for all we have been given. We make our offering for our community of faith and for the wider world through Mission & Service.

### Prayer

Holy God of the abundant gifts, open our spirits and our hearts to rejoice in this day, to give gladly, and to celebrate how you keep giving to us. Let these gifts we give back, and those given through PAR, be signs of lives full of thanksgiving. In the name of Christ, who gave to us, we pray. Amen.

## August 29, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Invitation

We invite you at this time to share God’s abundance—in person, online at [*insert your own website here or use* [*united-church.ca/donate*](https://united-church.ca/donate)], through PAR, or in any way that you feel called to do so. We bask in the wonderful generosity of God, through Jesus Christ. We make our gifts of thanksgiving, both for God’s mission through this congregation and for God’s wider mission in the world through Mission & Service.

### Prayer

O God, let these gifts we make now (and those given through PAR) be blessed, for we seek the growth of your love among us. Let our own faith and spirit life be blessed so that our faith may be abundant. And may your mission flourish in the world through Mission & Service. In the name of Christ we give. Amen.

## September 5, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Invitation

We invite you at this time to share God’s abundance—in person, online at [*insert your own website here or use* [*united-church.ca/donate*](https://united-church.ca/donate)], through PAR, or in any way that you feel called to do so. Each offering is an invitation to symbolically offer our lives again in service, to our community of faith and to the world through Mission & Service. May it be so among us!

### Prayer

O God of Grace, take these gifts of ours and those given through PAR, and let them be blessed in your service. Take all the parts of our lives we would offer in faithful living, and let these too be sanctified and strengthened. May your love grow among us. May we grow in faith lived out. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

## September 12, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Invitation

We invite you at this time to share God’s abundance—in person, online at [*insert your own website here or use* [*united-church.ca/donate*](https://united-church.ca/donate)], through PAR, or in any way that you feel called to do so. To love our neighbours as ourselves calls us both to pray for them and to act in accordance with our prayers. Our offerings today are one way we respond to our calling to do good works, both through the ministries of this community of faith and through the ministries made possible by Mission & Service.

### Prayer

With open hearts and minds, we offer what we can to help clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and honour the poor. Help us to increase in being merciful, ever grateful and aware that all blessings come from you, God. We dedicate these gifts and our PAR offerings to your use. Amen.

## September 19, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Invitation

We invite you at this time to share God’s abundance—in person, online at [*insert your own website here or use* [*united-church.ca/donate*](https://united-church.ca/donate)], through PAR, or in any way that you feel called to do so. All that we have and all that we are comes from God. While we can never repay God’s gifts, we can offer what we can to be the face of God’s love in the world today, sharing our abundance with others through the work of this community of faith and through Mission & Service.

### Prayer

What can we give in return for what God has given us? With gladness and thanksgiving, we offer these gifts and our PAR contributions today. May they bring God glory.

## September 26, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Invitation

We invite you at this time to share God’s abundance—in person, online at [*insert your own website here or use* [*united-church.ca/donate*](https://united-church.ca/donate)], through PAR, or in any way that you feel called to do so. The gift of service is one of the greatest gifts that another may allow us to give. Through our gifts, we respond to God’s call to service, both in the ministries of this community of faith and across the world through Mission & Service.

### Prayer

Loving God, we bring these gifts and our PAR contributions to serve you. Help us to use them to your honour and glory. We pray that in giving and serving, we learn to walk more closely with our Lord.