

June 13, 2021
Third after Pentecost

We Gather In God's Presence

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering In Song MV 156 "Dance with the Spirit" 3 times

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk (move, sing) with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation – see last page ...

Call to Worship

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All around us, God is looking for folks
who will join in serving others.

**It is as if God is planting seeds of compassion in us,
watching for them to blossom in our lives.**

In our midst, Jesus is walking among us,
tending our hearts, watering us with grace.

**It is as if Jesus is trusting that our souls
will grow big enough to welcome everyone.**

From morning to evening, the Spirit is at work,
gently tending this garden called life.

**It is as if the Spirit has found the perfect spots
to bring forth crops of justice and peace.**

Hymn VU 401 "Worship the Lord"

Refrain: Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!

- 1 Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one! **R**
- 2 Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one! **R**
- 3 Called to be partners with God in creation,
honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one! **R**

4 Bringing the bread and the wine to the table,
asking that we may be led and enabled,
truly united to build new communities,
worship and work must be one! **R**

5 Now in response to the life you are giving,
help us, Creator, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society,
worship and work must be one! **R**

Opening Prayer *(unison) adapted from a prayer by Thom M. Shuman ©2021 Used with permission.*

You listen to our cries of grief, when others kill our dreams;
you open your ears to the whispered fears on sleepless nights;
you hear our hearts cracking, just like ice on a frozen lake;
and we know, 'this is the One,' our God who knows us better than we think.

You call to us, so we can watch as you place seeds of welcome in the hearts of the rejected;
seeds of wonder in the overgrown city lots;
seeds of laughter in the dull voices of grief;
and as we watch, we learn, and as we learn, we say, 'this is the One,' the Grace who is our brother.

You are with us as we sleep and when we rise, nurturing the tiny seeds of grace into bouquets of love;
the insignificant hopes of peace into communities of reconciliation;
the littlest thoughts about others into an embrace as big and wide as the sea;
and we rejoice, 'this is the One,' the Spirit who transforms us.

Plant the seeds of grace, hope, love, and peace in us,
so we may blossom and share these gifts with everyone we meet.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

We Are Blessed By God

Anthem: "[What a Beautiful Name](#)" David Archuleta

Time for the Young and the Young @



Hymn VU 361 "Small Things Count"

Small things count, so Jesus said:
cups of water, crumbs of bread,
small things done because we're kind
count as big things in God's mind.

Small things make the big things grow:
grains of yeast inside the dough,
puffs that fill a big balloon,
notes that make a happy tune.

Every hair that's on our head,
every sparrow, Jesus said,
God takes care of, counts and knows,
God loves us from top to toes!

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Creator God, giver of all good, you continually pour your benefits upon us. Age after age the living wait upon you and find that your faithfulness has no end, that your care is unfailing. We praise you that the mystery of life is a mystery of infinite goodness. We praise you for the order and constancy of nature; for the beauty and bounty of the earth; for day and night, summer and winter, seedtime and harvest; for the varied gifts of loveliness which every season brings. We give you thanks for all the comfort and joy of life, for our homes, for our friends, and for all the love, sympathy, and goodwill of all people.

Farmer God, tend to your church. Prune off those parts that are dead or diseased. Dig around the roots, adding in fresh nutrients that it may bear the fruit that you created it to bear. This week we pray particularly for Glenwood Pastoral Charge.

Sovereign God, fill our leaders with wisdom and courage and compassion that their hearts may burn with your passion for righteousness and justice for all. Bless all the peoples of this world. This week we pray especially for the people of Botswana and Zimbabwe.

Heartbroken God, who cried at the death of Lazarus, who rent the temple veil when your Son died on a cross, comfort all who mourn. This week we hold 9 year old Fayez Afzaal and the Muslim community in our prayers as they mourn the senseless deaths of Talat, Salman, and Yumna Afzaal, and Madiha Salman. We also pray for the family of Nathaniel Veltman who mourn great loss themselves.

Life-giving God, grant strength and healing for friends and neighbours who are ill or dying, awaiting medical intervention or recovering from treatment. Especially we pray for the Rev. Lynne Allin, Tabitha Carey, Ron Dickey, Jim Duffin, Bill Latham, Bill Parcels, Doreen Snow, Barbara Thompson, and their loved ones and caregivers and those known only in the silence of our own hearts.....

We lift these our prayers to you in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus, the Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and who taught us how to pray, singing:

(VU 959)

**Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

We carry seeds of grace, love, peace, and hope in our hearts, in our souls, and in our wallets. We offer them to God for the work of reconciliation, healing, and hope.

Holy One, accept the tiny seeds we offer. Bless them, that they would grow into the greatest of hopes and dreams for justice and peace for all your children. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 20

May God answer you in the day of trouble,
and the name of God defend you.

**May God send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from the holy mountain.**

May God remember all your offerings,
and accept your burnt sacrifices.

**May God grant you your heart's desire,
and give success to all your plans.**

May we rejoice in your victory
and triumph in the name of our God.

May God fulfil your every wish.

Now I know, O God, that you help your anointed,
**and will answer from your holy heaven
with the victorious might of your right hand.**

Some put their trust in chariots,
and some in horses;

but we will trust in the name of our God.

They will totter and fall;

but we shall rise and stand upright.

God, save those who rule,

and answer us when we call.

Scripture: Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*For those of you who are interested, the other readings for this week are: **Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; John 17:6-19**. You can look them up on www.biblegateway.com and search for the passage.....*

in any translation you prefer (ie. King James - KJV, NKJV, NRSV, etc.)

Hymn VU 703 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Meditation: "Scattered"

We Go Forth, Serving God

Hymn VU 333 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,

till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Commissioning and Benediction

The God who has reconciled us to Godself, and to one another, sends us.

We go into our week, carrying with us healing for broken promises and broken trusts.

Jesus, who has transformed our lives with grace, sends us.

**We seek out the stranger and those whom we have ignored,
carrying with us the humility necessary to forge new bonds.**

The Spirit, who helps us see through God's loving and hopeful eyes, sends us.

We go to create the community of hope for which we all long and search for.

Go in peace, in love, and with hope. Amen.

Sung Response: "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there supporting us with love.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, amen, amen.

Announcements.....

Scripture Readings for next week: Fourth after Pentecost / Proper 7

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 **OR** 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16;

Psalms 9:9-20 **OR** Psalm 133; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41