

**Dorchester United- 165 Anniversary**  
**SUNDAY, October 24, 2021: Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost**  
**Proper 25**

**Announcements:**

**Acknowledgement**

We give thanks for the land and our ancestors who have cared for it, for both indigenous and for settler, for those who continue to tend to the land to nourish our communities and creation, for those who are tender and respectful to all living things. As members and representatives of the United Church of Canada we acknowledge the role our church played in the Residential School System and humbly live into the United Church's apology. God, help us make space for grieving and remembering that we are treaty people in acknowledging that we worship and live on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Attawandaron (Neutral), and Wedat peoples, territory covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.

**Prelude: More Love to Thee by William H. Doane**

**Christ Candle:**

**Call to Worship:**

Gathering here on this colourful fall morning,  
We come together to celebrate in worship,  
A following 165 years young.

**Recognizing a legacy of a calling to be the church**

**Celebrating God's presence,**

**Tending the land with respect in creation,**

**Loving and serving others,**

**Seeking justice,**

**Proclaiming Jesus,**

**Sharing the Good News with the world**

**In thought, work, and deed-**

**Passing of the Peace:**

*The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you...*

**And also with you**

**Hymn 1: V.U. 371- Open My Eyes**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Children's Time:**

**Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Anthem: "Speak Music" by Edward Elgar (Poem by A.C. Benson)**

Speak, speak, music, and bring to me  
Fancies too fleet for me,  
Sweetness too sweet for me,  
Wake, wake, voices, and sing to me,  
Sing to me tenderly; bid me rest.  
Rest, Rest! ah, I am fain of it!  
Die, Hope! small was my gain of it!  
Song, take thy parable,  
Whisper, whisper that all is well,  
Say, say that there tarrieth  
Something, something more true than death.  
Waiting to smile for me; bright and blest.  
Thrill, thrill, string: echo and play for me  
All, all that the poet, the priest cannot say for me;

Soar, voice, soar, heavenwards, and pray for me,  
Wondering, wandering; bid me rest.

**Pastoral Prayer:**

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 34:1–8, 19–22**

**Praise for Deliverance from Trouble**

**Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.**

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> **My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

<sup>3</sup> O magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

<sup>4</sup> **I sought the LORD, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

<sup>5</sup> Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your<sup>[a]</sup> faces shall never be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> **This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,  
and was saved from every trouble.**

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup> **O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD rescues them from them all.

<sup>20</sup> **He keeps all their bones;  
not one of them will be broken.**

<sup>21</sup> Evil brings death to the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

<sup>22</sup> **The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

*Hear us, Lord, when we cry to you. Calm our bodies and minds with the peace which passes understanding, and make us radiant with knowledge of your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.*

**Hymn: M.V. 70 – Spirit Open My Heart**

**A New Creed:**

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.

**Invitation to Invest in God's Mission:**

**Strengthened by God's Spirit we learn, live, and celebrate as followers of Jesus Christ, reaching out to help our worldwide community, sharing God's love and hope.**

**Scripture: Mark 10:46-52**  
**New Revised Standard Version**

**The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus**

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher,<sup>[a]</sup> let me see again.” <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**Message: “This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord”**

**Hymn: V.U. 266- Amazing Grace**

**Commissioning and Benediction:**

**Postlude: Sing to God by GF Handel arr. Jan Sandborn**