

January 16, 2022
Second Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather In God's Presence

Prelude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Lighting the Christ Candle

Moment of Silent Reflection

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

Call to Worship

We are summoned here by our Holy God,

who calls each of us by name,

and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

Teachers, accountants, farmers, cooks;

we hear our names being called to join in worship.

This time of worship is a time to pursue God's vision for all people:

unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts.

Let us worship together!

Hymn VU 331 "The Church's One Foundation"

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, 'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Opening Prayer *(unison)*

Extravagant God, You invite all people to feast on the abundance of your house, and to drink from the river of your delights. Through Christ you provided wine in abundance at the wedding feast. We live in a world of your abundance, yet every day thousands starve to death, while others gorge. Even in this community, people long for someone to delight in them and they have not been told that you already do. For those times when we fail to share your abundance, or to pressure our leaders to do so, forgive us. For those times when we fail to share the good news of your love and delight with others, forgive us. Help us to share the gospel and all that we have, that we may be a blessing to the world. Amen.

We Are Blessed By God

Anthem: "The Call" Ralph Vaughan Williams

Nancy Quinn

Time for the Young and the Young @ 

Hymn VU 579 "The Church Is Wherever God's People"

The church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.

The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.

The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.

The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 36

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains, O God,
your judgements are like the great deep;
all living things you save.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river
of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

**Continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright in heart.**

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Azubah,
and your land shall no more be termed Shemamah;
but you shall be called Hephzibah,
and your land Beulah;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

*For those of you who are interested, the other readings for this week are: **1 Corinthians 12:1-11;**
John 2:1-11. 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 268 "Bring Many Names"

Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

Meditation: "What's in a name?"

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Music and laughter, hands and minds, curiosity and compassion: what an abundance of gifts we have! All these gifts are symbolized in our offering. Let us commit ourselves in service as we worship God with our offering.

Jesus, in Cana you turned the water into wine. Turn these offerings into food and drink for the hungry, clothing for the naked, shelter for the homeless, sight for the blind, healing for the sick, and rivers of justice for the oppressed. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Eternal God, our times are held within your hands, our lives are shaped by your design from before our birth. You take hold of what has happened and nurture within it what you wish to be. Like a wise mother, you give us both freedom and guidance. How wise and caring you are, most blessed God; we praise you and thank you. Eternal God, our times are open to your Spirit, our lives await your touch.

Rest your hand upon your church. Give it courage and passion to bring your word and touch to all in need. May it be a place of acceptance, healing and reconciliation. Especially we pray for Erie Street United Church in Ridgetown, and their minister, The Rev. Lynne Wilson.

Touch the lives of our leaders. Bless them with both wisdom and compassion to lead. Guide the people of the world to work for security, opportunity and peace for all. Especially we pray for the people of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. Embrace those who mourn a loss in their lives, especially we pray for the friends and family of Earl DesLaurier.

Enfold those who are ill or dying, awaiting medical intervention or recovering from treatment. Comfort them, and if not a cure for what ails them, grant them healing. Especially we pray for Sammy Gardner, Cecil Jenkins, Marleen Parish, Mac Toner, and their loved ones and caregivers, and those known only in the silence of our own hearts.....

God of mercy, eternal source of life renewed and abundant, rise up and flood with loving care every withered life and every heart that thirsts for you. This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying,

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU 264 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

Commissioning and Benediction

May God who creates us give us light;
may God who sustains us make us wise;
may God who protects us give us joy;
may God who surrounds us give us peace.

Sung Response: VU 974 "Amen"

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Postlude: "Jesus Shall Reign"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dorchester:

Central Board meets Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.

The deadline for submissions to the Annual Report is

Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, February 13, following worship.

Union:

Unified Board meets Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.

The deadline for submissions to the Annual Report is Tuesday, January 25.

Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, February 6, following worship.

ALL:

Scripture Readings for next week:

(January 23, 2022. Third after Epiphany)

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21