

June 12, 2022
First Sunday after Pentecost / Trinity Sunday

We Gather In God's Presence

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering In Song MV 156 "Dance with the Spirit"

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

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

Call to Worship (based on Proverbs 8:2-4)

God stands at the high points and at the low points of our lives;
along the wayside and at the crossroads of our lives, stands our God.

God stands beside the gates to God's kingdom, beckoning to us:

"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live."

Let us heed the call. Let us gather and worship the Lord our God.

Hymn VU 315 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Holy One, Holy Three, You are the One who is beyond time and space, the One who entered time and space, the One who continues, both beyond time and space, and who fills our every breath. Awesome and Holy are you. We gather as a worshipping community, both in-person and online, heeding your call to dwell with you and with one another. Bless our time together as we laugh and cry, lament and celebrate life as community. Remind us that we are the object of your love, desire, and faithfulness, and are called to love, desire, and be faithful to all those with whom we share the gift of life. Amen.

We Are Blessed By God

Anthem:

Time for the Young and the Young @ 

Hymn VU 316 "Praise Our Maker"

Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:
God is love, God is love!
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Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
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God is love, God is love!

Care for others, children of the Spirit:
God is love, God is love!
Care for others, children of the Spirit:
God is love, God is love!

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Glory to you, Almighty God. You spoke, and light came out of darkness, order rose from confusion. Glory to you, O Christ. You met us as a refugee, a threatened child, the Word made flesh, born in a forgotten place. Glory to you, most Holy Spirit. You brooded over chaos, mothering and shaping God's new creation. Glory to you, O God, three-in-one. You are surrounded by the song of the saints in heaven and yet you also hear our prayers which we lift to you now.

We pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your service.

We pray for your church, and this week we pray specifically for Melbourne United Church, and their minister, the Rev. Richard Golden.

We pray for the peoples and the leaders of the nations that they may be reconciled to one another in pursuit of your justice and peace, this week we remember especially the people of Botswana and Zimbabwe.

We pray for those who mourn, that their mourning may be turned into dancing, especially the friends and family of Harv Patterson, Fred Smith, and Eileen Gill...

We pray for those who are ill or dying, recovering from treatment or awaiting medical intervention, that they may find healing and wholeness especially we think of Paul McMillan, Marleen Parish, and their loved ones and caregivers, and those known only in the silence of our own hearts.....

We pray for all in need due to natural disaster, drought or war that they may know the hope of your faithfulness through the help of others.

We pray for the land, the sea and the sky that we may learn to live with respect in creation.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and who taught us to pray, saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Out of chaos comes light.
Out of nothingness comes Creation.
Out of death comes life.
Out of generosity comes resources to build a world of justice and righteousness
that is the Kingdom of God.

Offertory Hymn MV 191 "What Can I Do?"

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Offering Prayer

Remind us, Gracious God, as we offer our gifts to you, remind us that we are called to serve in all the places where you are to be found – at the entrances to war zones and in neighbourhoods that have been sites of mass shootings, in the depths of despair, at the heights of injustice, at the crossroads of poverty and hunger. In all those places, may we offer not only our treasure, but our lives as well. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 8

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!
From the lips of infants and children your praises
reach up to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold against your foes,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,
**what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,
mere human beings that you should care for us?**

You have made us little less than divine,
and crowned us with glory and honour.

**You have made us rulers over all your creation,
and put all things under our feet,**

all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,
**the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,
and all that make their way through the waters.**

Scripture: Proverbs 8:1-4, 23-31

Wisdom's Call

Does not wisdom call out?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

At the highest point along the way,
where the paths meet, she takes her stand;
beside the gate leading into the city,
at the entrance, she cries aloud:
"To you, O people, I call out;
I raise my voice to all mankind.

I was formed long ages ago,
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.
When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
when there were no springs overflowing with water;
before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,
before he made the world or its fields
or any of the dust of the earth.

I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
when he gave the sea its boundary
so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

Then I was constantly at his side.

I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,
rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind.

*The other readings for this week are: **Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.** 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 313 "God, Whose Almighty Word"

God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

Jesus, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the troubled mind, sight to the Spirit-blind,
O now to humankind let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving, holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

Blessed and holy three,
glorious trinity, wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide, let there be light.

Meditation: "Mystery"

We Respond to God's Blessing

Hymn VU 217 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
 hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
 sing praises, sing praises,
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
 sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
 sing praises, sing praises,
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way:
 sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:
 sing praises, hallelujah!
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and yield up all your care:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Commissioning and Benediction

May the One who gives us life,

stand by us throughout life, and beyond.

May the One who seeks us,

walk by our side on the winding road of life.

May the One who sends us out,

give us the courage and wisdom to offer

healing and reconciliation to all whom we meet on the way.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

ALL:

Union Choir ice cream night is Thursday, June 23rd at 7 p.m. at **Shaw's Ice Cream** Sunset Road (south of Fruitridge Line), Central Elgin. **All are welcome!**

JUNE 26: Union United Church is planning an outdoor service for Sunday, June 26. This means there will be NO online worship service available that day. Instead, Dorchester United Church is invited to join the service at Union United Church, 6008 Stone Church Road, Union, Ontario. A limited amount of shade will be available, so remember to bring your sunscreen, and a lawn chair. Plans are still forming for a post worship luncheon. Unionites are asked to bring a salad. Dorchesterites are asked to bring a dessert. **ALL are welcome!**

UNION:

June Outreach – The Inn St. Thomas – Elgin. Wish list: men's and women's deodorant, shampoo & body wash (ideally all-in-one), razors and shaving crème, facial wipes, combs and brushes.

Unified Board meets Wednesday, June 15th at 7 p.m.

DORCHESTER:

Central Board meets Wednesday, June 22nd at 7 p.m. Please have committee reports to Karyn by Monday, June 13th for inclusion in the consent docket.

The Holy Diner will be starting up again this summer. Please contact Brenda Olejnik, at 519-268-3385, or Carol Reid, at 519-268-3129, if you are willing and able to assist with this ministry.

Lectionary Readings for next week: (June 19, 2nd after Pentecost)
1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39