

**August 21, 2022**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**We Gather In God's Presence**

**Prelude:** "What Wondrous Love Is This" Inspired by Greig's 'Air' from the Holberg Suite  
Arranged by Faye Lopez

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Gathering In Song MV 45** "You Are Holy"

You are holy, you show us the way,  
you are holy, you show us the way.  
You show us, you show us, you show us the way,  
you show us, you show us, you show us the way.

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

**Call to Worship**

We come, like Abraham, Sarah, and John the Baptist,  
**people with vision.**

We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman,  
**people with questions.**

We come, like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary,  
**people with self-doubts.**

We come, like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen,  
**people with courage.**

We come, like David, Mary Magdalene, and Paul,  
**people with regrets.**

We come, like Hagar, Uriah, and the Syrophenician woman,  
**people with wisdom from the margins.**

We come, like Rebekah and Samuel, like Hosea and Esther,  
like Nathaniel and Martha, like John, Mark and Priscilla,  
**people with a part to play in the story of faith.**

Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

**Hymn VU 245** "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet"

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or  
snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment,  
nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

**Opening Prayer** (*unison*)

Why is it, Lord, that we allow our grudges to weigh us down, our anger to disfigure us, our fears to cripple us? Why are we unable or unwilling to let go of our grudges, release our anger, dismiss our fears? Is it because we have forgotten that you, O Lord, are the rock of our refuge, the ground upon which we walk, the outcropping upon which we lean for support when we are weighed down, bent over, crippled by our doubts and fears? Come now and touch us once again with your healing forgiveness. Remind us once again that you, O Lord, are our hope and our comfort, our joy and our peace. May your praise ever be a song in our hearts and a hymn on our lips. May it be so. Amen.

**We Are Blessed By God**

**Anthem:** "Into Your Hands"

Nancy Quinn

Written by Alice Finnamore for the U.C.W. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

**Time for the Young and the Young @**



**Hymn MV 157** "I Am a Child of God"

I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.

I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation,

I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.

I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation,

I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.

I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication,

I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.

I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation,

I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

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

We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world. We serve, each according to our own gifts and abilities. And for those needs that are beyond our gifts and abilities, or in far off places, we offer the support of our prayers and the financial resources we have been blessed with.

**Offertory Hymn VU 538 "For the Gift of Creation"**

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

**Offering Prayer**

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God.  
Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer**

We thank you, compassionate God, that you hear the prayers of our hearts. We pray for:  
Your church, in particular for Bedford United Church in Windsor,  
as they seek to be your serving, healing hands  
and your voice of justice and compassion in that place;  
your children, the world over, especially the peoples of Liberia and Sierra Leone;  
all who rejoice at a baby's new birth;  
all who mourn when the circle is incomplete, when a friend or loved one has died, we pray especially  
for the friends and family of Marlene Smith;  
all who are grateful when their work meets with success;  
all who suffer because no work is to be found;  
all who are bored, not having enough to do;  
all who are tired, having too much to do;  
all who are surrounded by the love of family and friends;  
all who are lonely, or ill, or dying, we pray especially for Dale Dickie, Nick Jones, Paul McMillan,  
Marleen Parish, their loved ones and caregivers and those known only  
in the silence of our own hearts....

Thank you for hearing us in every situation of life. Help us to support one another always: rejoicing with those who rejoice, and weeping with those who weep. We want to be joined together as members of the body of Christ, loving one another and serving the world. Like Jesus, we want to respond to each human being who crosses our path with sensitivity and compassion. This we pray in the name of the One 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 yours is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 71:1-6**

In you, O God, I seek refuge; may I never be disappointed.

**In your righteousness, save and rescue me;  
incline your ear and deliver me.**

Be a sheltering rock for me,

a fortress where I may find safety;

**for you are my rock and my stronghold.**

Rescue me, O God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**For you are my hope, my trust from my youth;  
from the time of my birth I have leaned on you.**

**Scripture:** Luke 13:10-17

**Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman**

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

*The other readings for this week are: **Jeremiah 1:4-10; Hebrews 12:18-29***

**Hymn VU 358 "When Jesus the Healer"**

When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee, Heal us, heal us today!  
the deaf came to hear and the blind came to see. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

A paralyzed man was let down through a roof. Heal us, heal us today!  
His sins were forgiven, his walking the proof. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

The death of his daughter caused Jairus to weep. Heal us, heal us today!  
The Lord took her hand, and he raised her from sleep. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

When blind Bartimaeus cried out to the Lord, Heal us, heal us today!  
his faith made him whole and his sight was restored. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

The lepers were healed and the demons cast out. Heal us, heal us today!  
A bent woman straightened to laugh and to shout. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos, Heal us, heal us today!  
to make the sick whole and to spread the good news. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

There's still so much sickness and suffering today. Heal us, heal us today!  
We gather together for healing and pray: Heal us, Lord Jesus!

**Meditation: "Look Out!"**

## **We Go Forth With God's Blessing**

### **Hymn VU 639** "One More Step Along the World I Go"

One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go,  
from the old things to the new, keep me travelling along with you:

And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corner of the world I turn, more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see you'll be looking at along with me:

And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good, keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go you'll be telling me the way, I know:

And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough,  
leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you:

And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me,  
ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you:

And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.

### **Commissioning and Benediction**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,

So that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**We go in peace, scattering the hope we have in Christ wherever we go.**

### **Sung Response: VU 964** "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you,  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

### **Postlude: "Hear Our Prayer, O King of Glory"**

From "Hill Trails of the Gaels"

Catriona NicIomhair lyrics, Iain MacLachlainn music

Nancy Quinn

English Translation from Gaelic:

Hear our prayer, O King of Glory,  
keep us strong and brave,  
as you kept our ancestors  
safe in your own hands.

## **ALL:**

Rev. Mark will be walking again this year, on September 17, in **That Dam Hill 5K walk/run** to raise money for **Indwell**. Last year I was sponsored for over \$1,000. This year, if my sponsorship doubles that - \$2,000, I'll walk while wearing a clown wig.....and I'll post the photos (proof) for all to see.

This year the money raised will help support 3 Indwell projects in London:

- Opening this fall, Embassy Commons at 744 Dundas Street
- Opening in 2024, at the former Victoria Hospital grounds in the SoHo neighbourhood.
- Opened in 2019, Woodfield Gate offers 67 units of housing with onsite supports including nursing, food security, and addictions support to 70 individuals.

All donations are collected online (no cash please) simply go to....

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/fundraising/977d118b-a29a-428d-8549-87d5dfd12887>

OR, go to the Dorchester United Church website (at [dorchesterunitedchurch.ca](http://dorchesterunitedchurch.ca)) and click on the 'Donate' button below the appeal.

## **UNION:**

**Cruise Night returns!** Monday, August 29, 2022, 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Beef on a Bun will be available 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## **DORCHESTER:**

The **Holy Diner** is up and running on Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. throughout the month of August in the church parking lot. Come one, come all, and bring a neighbour or a friend or even a stranger in need!

**Lectionary Readings for next week:** (August 28, 12<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost)

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14