

October 2, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/Fourth of Creation/Proper 22

We Gather In God's Presence

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering In Song: VU 951 "Holy, holy, holy"

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!

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Call to Worship

Be joyful and sing as we gather to worship God!

Let the whole world sing praise to God!

We know that the One who made us is God!

We are God's people, and God is our shepherd!

God is good! God's love and faithfulness last forever!

Let the whole world sing praise to God!

Hymn VU 409 "Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Holy One, you made heaven and earth and all that is good. You have blessed us with so much and we don't even realize it. You have blessed us with so much and we take it for granted. All we see is what we lack. Free us from captivity to our complaints that we may praise You. Plant a tiny seed of hope in our hearts that it might grow into a bouquet for others. Increase our faith until it overflows in thanksgiving to You. Rekindle our desire to faithfully follow our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

We Are Blessed By God

Anthem:

Responsive Reading: Lamentations 3:19-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

**My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.**

But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

**The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;**

they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

**"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."**

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

**It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.**

Scripture: Luke 17:5-6

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

*The other readings for this week are: **Lamentations 1:1-6; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10***

Hymn VU 288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Meditation: Faith is a verb.

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Hymn VU 477 "I Come with Joy"

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,

the love that makes us one.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth, we join with all your people to give you thanks and praise. You formed the universe in your wisdom and created all things by your grace. We praise you for all your good gifts: the witness of saints and prophets; the work of faithful women and men; this earth in all its blessing and promise; and this bread, once scattered, now brought together and made one. In the hope that your people may be brought together from the ends of the earth into your reign of justice and compassion, we gather with those of every time and place to give you praise and glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

As we gather at this table, we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus had supper with his friends. He took a loaf of bread, thanked you as we have thanked you, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me." Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink. This cup is the promise of God, made in my blood. Each time you drink from this cup, remember me." Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, as we break bread and share the cup, giving thanks for your love in Jesus, the Christ. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labour. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service on behalf of all people. By what we do here, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Holy Spirit, as we offer the gifts of the bread and the cup for your blessing, so we present ourselves: our accomplishments, our failings, our hopes, our realities. Make us, while many, one. Make us, though broken, whole. Make us, despite death, alive. Make us weak, so we might rely on your strength; as we have heard the Word, may we listen to the cries of the poor; as we are family with those sitting beside us today, may we love our sisters and brothers in every corner of creation; as you hold out the bread and the cup to us, may we reach out to enemies to clasp hands as friends; as we acknowledge our limitations, make us bold to bring to you in prayer those things that are beyond us. We pray today especially

For your church around the world, and in particular for Peace United Church in Plattsville, and their minister, Rev. Jennifer Canning;

For our brothers and sisters around the world, especially the people of Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela;

For those who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially the friends and family of Les Reading and Pauline Livingstone;

For those who are ill or dying, awaiting medical intervention or recovering from treatment, especially the Rev. Jim Evans, Marleen Parish, Doreen Snow, Don Thistle, Barb Thompson, Mac

Toner, and their loved ones, their caregivers and those known only in the silence of our own hearts...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. We continue praying the words Jesus taught us, 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Receiving the Elements

Prayer Following Communion

Eternal God, we thank you that you have called your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. May we be ever mindful that we are the body of Christ in the world today. May our hearts be open, our words grace-filled, our actions life-giving, and may our living reveal the presence of Christ who has met us here. Amen.

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

All that we say, all that we do is a reflection of our faith.
The tithes and gifts we offer to God are a sign of our faithfulness.

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we come to you with all that we have and all that we are.
Bless our offerings, and guide us upon our paths as we live into the heart of your being.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn VU 416 "Forth in Your Name, O Christ"

Forth in your name, O Christ, we go,
our daily labour to pursue,
you, only you, resolved to know

in all we think, or speak, or do.

The task your wisdom has assigned
here let us cheerfully fulfil;
in all our works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.

You may we set at our right hand,
whose eyes our inmost secrets view,
and labour on at your command
and offer all our works to you.

Help us to bear your easy yoke,
in every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to that glorious day.

Then with delight may we employ
all that your bounteous grace has given,
and run our earthly course with joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.

Commissioning and Benediction

Go into the world and live out your faith with hope,
with courage, and with compassion,

for there is nowhere we can go where God isn't.

And may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit

Go with us all, this day, and always.

Amen.

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.

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will be there supporting us with love.

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

Amen, amen, amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL:

The Heart of Christianity book study, Part 1, runs Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m., from October 13 to November 10.

DORCHESTER:

Yousef, Ruba, Lana, and Jawad Rajeh are scheduled to arrive in Toronto on October 27. In order to prepare for all of the many things that will be needed you are invited to Pick a Pumpkin at the front of the church. You can either supply the item, or make a financial donation. Items can be left in the baskets by the table. Financial donations should be made to Dorchester United Church noting Refugee Fund.

UNION:

Union United Church Cemetery and Union United Church Trustees meet Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m.

September Outreach are the Elgin-St. Thomas, and Port Stanley/Sparta Food Banks.

Lectionary Readings for next week:

(October 9, 18th after Pentecost/5th of Creation/Thanksgiving)
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35