

November 13, 2022
Twenty-third after Pentecost / Proper 28
Anniversary Sunday

We Gather In God's Presence

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering In Song: VU 381 "Spirit of Life"

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

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

Call to Worship based on Isaiah 65:17-25

Rejoice and be glad,
for God delights in God's people.
We gather today to honour two centuries of past accomplishments,
and to celebrate the future God calls us to.
A future of blessing,
when foes become friends, and there is abundance for all.

Hymn VU 253 "Sing Your Joy"

Sing your joy, proclaim God's glory!
Rise and sing, the morning has come!
 Bless our God and praise all creation;
 song of the earth, and light from heaven:
God is alive! *Hallelujah!

All the earth is filled with rejoicing,
light and life, the wonder of God!
 Christ has triumphed! Risen for ever!
 Joy of our hearts, and hope of our dreaming:
God is alive! Hallelujah!

May we learn to become your kingdom,
may we be your kindness and truth!
 Love is our calling, gift of your presence;
 children of God, and spirit of Jesus:
God is alive! Hallelujah!

Light our way, O God of the living,
may we learn to see with new eyes!
 Jesus the Lord, our power and promise;
 light for the blind, and food for the hungry:
God is alive! Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

Holiness, we come before this day to give thanks. We give thanks for this congregation, for our forebears who started this congregation, and for all of the blessings this congregation has experienced throughout over 2 centuries of work and worship. There have been times when we have not always loved with all our heart, mind, and strength, when we have not always loved our neighbours as ourselves. There have been things we have done that we ought not to have done, and things we have left undone that we should have acted upon. For those times and things we ask forgiveness. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit. Help us honour our forebears by renewing their vision. Help us to seize each moment, each opportunity to strive for Your kingdom, where all are blessed by You. In the name of our Risen Saviour, Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

The 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.

We Are Blessed By God

Anthem Solo: "Sonata for Oboe, Opus 166" By C. Saint-Saens

Bizzy Tucker

Time for the Young and the Young @



Hymn VU 405 "New Every Morning"

New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life, and power, and thought.

New mercies each returning day
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still of countless price
God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O God, in your dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

If our lives, our love, our gifts are not shared with others, the words we offer in prayer and praise are hollow. Our tithes and our additional offerings are an important part of our praise and worship. Our tithes and offerings will be received.

Offertory Hymn VU 218 vs 1 "We Praise You, O God"

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Prayer of Dedication

Receive what we offer, Holy God, and bless it in the work of that kingdom which values the people we ridicule, lifts up those we have stepped over, and brings hope and healing to all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Eternal and Holy God, we do not pray that we may change you,
we pray that you may change us, shape us in the image of our prayers.

For every breath we take, for every beat of our hearts,
for every sensation of our bodies, we give you thanks, O God.

For the ear that listens, for the hand that caresses,
for the arms that reach out in love, we give you thanks, O God.

For relief from pain, for the tears of shared sorrow,
for the laughter of shared joy, we give you thanks, O God.

For the freedom to choose, for the ability to love,
for the power of hope, we give you thanks, O God.

For the presence you reveal to us, for the courage you offer us,
for the rest you assure us will be ours, we give you thanks, O God.

For listening to our concerns for our world, your church,
your creation, we give you thanks, O God.

We pray for all whom you call into the fellowship of your church. Continue to watch over this congregation; disturb their complacency; fill it over, and over again with your Spirit; deepen their faith and their relationship with you, so that they might continue to be faithful co-workers with you – that all the world might see and praise you. We pray also for Charing Cross Pastoral Charge, and their minister, Pastor Andrew Gilliland.

We pray for your people the world over, especially the people of American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vauatu.

We pray that you would give strength and comfort to all who mourn, especially the friends and family of Brian Chanyi.

We pray for health and wholeness of spirit for all who are suffering, ill or dying, awaiting medical intervention or recovering from treatment, especially the Rev. Grafton Antone, the Rev. Jim Evans, and their loved ones and caregivers and those known only in the silence of our own hearts.....

God of Grace and God of Glory, we lift up all these prayers in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and who taught us how to pray, singing.... **(VU 959)**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,
your will be done**

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil**

**for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 12

I will praise you, O God,

**for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away, and you comforted me.**

Surely God is my salvation.

I will trust and not be afraid,

**for you, God, are my strength and might;
you show yourself my saviour.**

With joy we draw water from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks and call on God's name.

Make known God's deeds among the nations;

proclaim that God's name is exalted.

Sing praises to God, whose work is glorious;

let it be known in all the earth.

**Shout for joy, you who dwell in Zion,
for the Holy One of Israel is majestic among you.**

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25

The Glorious New Creation

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

The other readings for this week are: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Hymn VU 713 "I See a New Heaven"

I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be.

I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain.

I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love.
I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

There, there where we work with the love of
healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land.
I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

Meditation: "God is Creating"

Hymn VU 578 "As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
 is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
 mid earth's peoples, many-hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
 when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
 of God's new and glorious dawn.

We Return to Our Ministries

Sung Benediction: "Go In Love" by Don Besig and Nancy Price

Union Choir

Sung 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.
God will be there supporting us with love.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL:

Choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

UNION:

Unified Board meets on Wednesday, November 16 at 7 p.m.

November outreach is the Christmas shoppe....toys, clothing for new born to age 12, (size 16)

DORCHESTER:

Central Board meets on Wednesday, November 23 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 20 is Reign of Christ Sunday. It is also Hope @ Home Sunday for the folk at Indwell. Julie Ryan, the Community Engagement Coordinator for Indwell, will be our guest speaker.

Lectionary Readings for next week: (November 20, Reign of Christ)

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43