

July 14, 2024
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 10

We Gather In God's Presence

Prelude: "Prelude in C minor" Henryk Pachulski

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

Lighting the Christ Candle

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 24)*

The doors of God's house are open.

We enter, lifting up our voices in prayer and praise!

We enter seeking the face of the God of Jacob.

We gather, seeking God's blessing.

The gates of God's heart are flung wide.

We worship the Lord of hosts, the King of glory!

Hymn: VU 224 "Sing a Happy Hallelujah" Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1989. Music: Colin Gibson, 1989.

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Sing a happy hallelujah,
sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.
Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!

We're the proof of God's good humour,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly.
Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children,
so is life for us enhanced.
Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!

Every day sing hallelujah!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word!
Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we gather in your presence to praise and worship you. We gather in your presence to sing to you and to pray to you. We gather in your presence to celebrate the gift of life you have given us. Yet there are times when we may be more concerned that we do things with decorum and decency, and we are critical of and may kill moments of spontaneous worship and praise. Forgive us God. Remind us that worship is not about us, but about you. Help us to lose ourselves and focus entirely upon you this hour, this day, this week. In Christ's name. Amen.

A New Creed VU 918

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.

Hymn MV 30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" Words: Ruth Duck, 1992. © 1992 GIA Publications Inc.
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It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore.
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song.
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings.
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

Psalm 24 VU 751

R: Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.

The earth is God's, and all that is in it;
the world, and those who live upon it.

**For God founded it upon the seas,
planted it firmly over the waters beneath.**

R: Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.

Who may ascend the mountain of God?
Who may stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not set their minds on deceit,
nor made false promises;**

they shall receive God's blessing,
righteousness from the God who will save them.

**Such are those who seek God,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

R: Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.

Lift up your heads, you gates!

**Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors,
that the One who rules in glory may enter.**

Who rules in glory?

**It is God, valiant and strong,
God, who is mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, you gates!

**Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors,
that the One who rules in glory may enter.**

Who rules in glory?

**It is God of Hosts,
God who rules in glory.**

R: Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God, and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing, and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened calf. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

The other readings for this week are: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29..

Meditation: "What do you celebrate?"

Hymn VU 535 "For the Music of Creation" Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1897. In the Public Domain.

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For the music of creation,
for the song your Spirit sings,
for the sound's divine expression,
burst of joy in living things:
God, our God, the world's composer,
hear us, echoes of your voice;
music is your art, your glory,
let the human heart rejoice!

Psalms and symphonies exalt you,
drum and trumpet, string and reed,
simple melodies acclaim you,
tunes that rise from deepest need,
hymns of longing and belonging,
carols from a cheerful throat,
lilt of lullaby and love song
catching heaven in a note.

All the voices of the ages
in transcendent chorus meet,
worship lifting up the senses,
hands that praise, and dancing feet;
over discord and division
music speaks your joy and peace,
harmony of earth and heaven,
song of God that cannot cease!

We Respond To God's Grace

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

God our creator, our center, our friend, we thank you for the blessings of life, for those who are dear to us, for those who have died, and for all who have helped and influenced us. Most of all, we thank you for the faith that is in us, for our awareness of you, and our hope in you. Keep us, we pray, thankful, faithful, and hopeful until our lives shall end.

We pray for your church, may it speak with a prophetic voice, and serve with compassion. This week we pray especially for Port Stanley United Church, and their spiritual leader the Rev. Elizabeth Stewart.

We pray for our brothers and sisters around the world, especially this week we think of the people of Djibouti and Somalia

We pray for all who mourn, especially we think of the family and friends of Allan Weir, Don Laidlaw, and Russ Zavitz.

We pray for all who are ill or dying, especially we think of Jo Miller-Kaiser, ... their loved ones and caregivers and those known only in the silence of our own hearts.

All this we pray in the name of the one who taught us to pray, singing

The Lord's Prayer VU 959 Music: David Haas, 1986; © 1986 G.I.A. Publications, Inc. OneLicense.net A620168

**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.**

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

At this time we take the opportunity to give thanks to God for life, for faith, and for community.

One of the ways we give thanks is through the offering of our skills, our gifts, our talents, our time, and, yes, even our money. Our tithes and offerings will be received.

Offertory Hymn MV 191 "What Can I Do?"

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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.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, you desire fullness of life for all your children. We come before you to receive your blessing – the deep richness of your grace. In this congregation we offer our tithes and our other gifts that others may also know the blessing of your grace and place their hope in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn VU 884 "You Shall Go Out with Joy" Words: Steffi G. Rubin, 1975. Music: Stuart Dauermann, 1975.

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You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (xx)

the trees of the field will clap their hands, (xx)

the trees of the field will clap their hands, (xx)

while you go out with joy.

Commissioning and Benediction

We are sent by God, to be God's people in the world.

We will go to sing of God's joy and hope to all we meet.

We are called by Christ, adopted into God's gracious family.

We will go share the good news of Christ's grace for all.

We are chosen by the Spirit to care for and serve all creation.

We will go join our hands in service

with our sisters and brothers in the Spirit.

And may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

The love of God

And the communion of the Holy Spirit goes with us.

Amen.

Response: VU 298 "When You Walk from Here" Words & Music: Linnea Good

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When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.

Postlude: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee *with* I Worship you, Almighty God" Arr. by Carol Tornquist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Schedule:

Rev. Mark will be on vacation July 15 to August 4, inclusive. Karlene Kimber will be covering in the event of pastoral emergencies. You can reach Karlene at 519-282-3056.

Reynolds Creek United Church (Putnam) invites you to join them for worship on July 21 and July 28 at 10 a.m., or you could take advantage of the opportunity to visit other churches (not even necessarily United Churches) and bring back ideas for DUC.

Fall Study Group

Want to learn more about Spiritual Practices? Then this study is for you!

Over the course of eight sessions, we will work our way through *A Spiritual Formation Workbook*.

Cost for the book is \$8.99 (plus s. & h.). Please let Rev. Mark, revcmarkperry@gmail.com know if you are interested, and what day/time of the week works best for you.

Holy Diner: Thursdays, 5-7 p.m., Rain or Shine!

LECTIONARY READINGS:

July 21 – Ninth after Pentecost – Proper 11

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28 – Tenth after Pentecost – Proper 12

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

August 4 – Eleventh after Pentecost – Proper 13

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 11 – Twelfth after Pentecost – Proper 14

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51