

**August 11, 2024**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 14**

**We Gather In God's Presence**

**Prelude:** "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" William Waller Arr. Cindy Berry

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

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Preparing Our Hearts for Worship**

**Call to Worship**

Give us this day our daily bread, we pray,

**Concerned about an unending food supply.**

Give us this day our daily bread, we pray,

**Primarily concerned with our physical needs,  
not our spiritual ones.**

Give us this day our daily bread,

**The Bread of Life that leads to eternal life.**

**Hymn: VU 402 "We Are One"** Words: © 1988, Doreen Lankshear-Smith. Music: © 1987, Jeeva Sam.

Arrangement © 1995, David Kai. OneLicense.net A620168 CCLI 11438349

We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.

We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine there's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come, as we feed, we are fed;  
and we feel God's refreshing grace as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place.

**Opening Prayer** (c) 2015 Thom M. Shuman Used with permission.

We gather in this place, with these people, in these moments, Gentle God,  
because we hope our self-righteous anger might become passionate justice for others.  
We gather in this place, with these people, in these moments, Christ our Bread,  
because we hope our complacency with half-lies might become a hunger for your truth.  
We gather in this place, with these people, in these moments, Gifting Spirit,  
because we hope our fumbling, faltering words might be transfigured into good news to others.  
We gather in this place, with these people, in these moments, Holy One,  
hoping you will gather here with us in this time of worship.  
May it be so. 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 VU 321** "Make, in Whom We Live" Words: Charles Wesley. Music: George Job Elvey.  
Words and Music in the Public Domain.

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise receive for your creating love.  
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race  
render in thanks their lives to you for your redeeming grace.  
The grace to sinners shown, you heavenly choirs proclaim,  
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

Spirit of Holiness, let all your saints adore  
your sacred energy, and bless your heart-renewing power.  
No angel tongues can tell your love's ecstatic height,  
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record and dwell upon your love.  
When heaven and earth have fled before your glorious face,  
may all the saints your love has made sing everlasting praise.

## Psalm 130

**Out of the depths I cry to you; my hope is in your promise true.**

Out of the depths have I called to you.

O God, hear my cry!

**Let your ears be attentive to my plea for mercy.**

If you should keep account of what is done amiss,

O God, who could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you,  
therefore we will honour you.**

**Out of the depths I cry to you; my hope is in your promise true.**

I wait for you, God:

my soul waits and in your word is my hope.

**My soul waits for God more than the watchers long for morning,  
more than the watchers long for morning.**

O Israel, wait in hope,

for with God there is love unfailing.

**With God is great power to redeem,  
to redeem you, Israel, from all your sins.**

**Out of the depths I cry to you; my hope is in your promise true.**

**Scripture: John 6:35, 41-51**

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

*The other readings for this week are: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ephesians 4:25-5:2.*

**Meditation:** "Wonder Bread"

**Hymn VU 471** "Eat This Bread and Never Hunger" Words and Music: Daniel Charles Damon, 1992

Words and Music © 1993 Hope Publishing Company. OneLicense.net A620168 CCLI 11438349

Eat this bread and never hunger, drink this cup and never thirst;

Christ invites us to the table where the last become the first.

Asking for a cup of water, Jesus touched forbidden ground;

and the woman, with a question, told the world what she had found.

Eat this bread and never hunger, drink this cup and never thirst;

Christ invites us to the table where the last become the first.

Walking down a desert highway, Jesus healed a man born blind;  
soon the man became a witness to the truth we seek and find.  
Eat this bread and never hunger, drink this cup and never thirst;  
Christ invites us to the table where the last become the first.

Weeping for his friend at graveside, Jesus felt the pain of death;  
yet he knew God's power to waken: living water, living breath.  
Eat this bread and never hunger, drink this cup and never thirst;  
Christ invites us to the table where the last become the first.

### **We Respond To God's Grace**

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

Holy One, source of our being, source of our sustenance, we thank you:

For the blessings of life,

For love and acceptance,

For a sense of belonging and a sense that we matter.

Keep us, we pray, thankful, faithful, and hopeful until our lives shall end.

We pray for your church that it may continue to be a witness to your grace. This week we pray for Westminster United Church in Windsor, and their spiritual leader, the Rev. Del Stewart, and also for the congregations of Jasper United Church, and St Mary and St. George Anglican Church which were destroyed by fire.

We pray for the people of the world, our brothers and sisters in your creation, especially we think of the people of the Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger.

We pray for all who mourn the death of loved ones, especially the family and friends of Tom Pike and Gabriel Wencil.

We pray for all who are ill or dying, awaiting medical intervention or recovering from treatment, and their loved ones and caregivers, especially Sheila Duffin, Ina Laidlaw, Billie Latham and all those needs known only in the silence of our own hearts.....

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy 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 thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

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

Too often we think it is enough to offer God the spare change we have sitting on our dresser, or the few dollars returned after paying for dinner out, and all too often there is no change on the dresser or change from the restaurant because we pay for everything with plastic cards. God is the One who gives: extravagantly, undeservedly, unconditionally. God blesses us with life and hope and grace in abundance beyond imagination, and so in imitating God we give that the lives of others may also be blessed, hopeful, and grace filled. Our tithes and offerings will be received.

## **Offertory Hymn MV 191 "What Can I Do?"**

Words and Music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy; arr. Alan C. Whitmore, 2005.

Words and Music © Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy; Arr. © 2005 Alan C. Whitmore OneLicense.net A620168

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**

Loving God, may these gifts, given gratefully, be brought to life through the power of your creative Spirit. Multiply and use them to bring the word and touch of Jesus to your people in this place, and throughout the world. Amen.

## **Hymn VU 418 "Go Forth for God" Words: J. R. Peacey, ca. 1970. Music: Genevan Psalter.**

Words © 1984 Hope Publishing Co. Music in the Public Domain OneLicense.net A620168 CCLI 11438349

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in the kingdom we see face to face.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people ever day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

## **Commissioning and Benediction (*unison*)**

May the God who dances in creation,  
who embraces us with human love,  
who shakes our lives like thunder,  
bless us and drive us out with power,  
to fill the world with God's love.

Amen.

**Response: MV 212** “Sent Out in Jesus’ Name” Words & Music: traditional song, Cuba

English transl. Jorge Maldonado; © 1988 Abingdon Press (Administered by The Copyright Co., Nashville, TN)  
Arrangement © 2007 The United Church of Canada. OneLicense.net A620168

Sent out in Jesus’ name, our hands are ready now  
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.

Sent out in Jesus’ name, our hands are ready now  
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.

O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.

O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

**Postlude:** “Brethren, We Have Met for Worship” Arr. Cindy Berry

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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](mailto: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:**

August 18 – Thirteenth after Pentecost – Proper 15

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58