

October 20, 2024
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 24

We Gather In God's Presence

Prelude: “For the Beauty of the Earth” Conrad Kocher 1786-1872. Arr. by John Carter

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation

Lighting the Christ Candle

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship

We gather here this morning to worship God.

We are here hoping God will renew and refocus our souls.

God calls us to let go of our foolish pride, to humble ourselves,

to be open to the truth and wisdom offered to us in Jesus.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

Hymn VU 315 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” Words: Reginald Heber, ca. 1820.

Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861. Words and Music in the Public Domain.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye made blind by sin they glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Wise and loving God, we acknowledge that we often find your word baffling, and we shrug our shoulders and move on without further meditation. Sometimes we feel it demands too much of us, and we shrink back and hide behind our busyness. Instill in us the courage and the confidence we need to step out onto your promises, to believe in your unseen purposes. Bless us with simple trust in you as we journey towards your eternal realm. Amen.

Ministry of Music: “Panis Angelicus (O Lord Most Holy)” Cesar Franck

Nancy Quinn

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 672 "Take Time to Be Holy" Words: William Longstaff, ca. 1882. Music: George C. Stebbins, 1890.
Words and Music in the Public Domain.

Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let him be your guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul,
each thought and each motive beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
you soon shall be fitted for service above.

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Psalm 104

Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

Praise God, O my soul.

Eternal God, you are great indeed.

You clothe yourself with light like a garment.

You spread the heavens like a tent;

you lay out the beams of your dwelling on the waters above.

You make the clouds your chariot,

and ride on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers,

and flames of fire your servants.

You fix the earth on its foundations,

so that it can never tremble.

You cover the earth with the ocean as with a cloak.

Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

When the waters covered the mountains,

they fled at your rebuke;

at the sound of your thunder, they took flight.

They flowed over the mountains, ran down the valleys

to the place you had appointed for them.

There you set limits not to be passed,

that they might not again cover the earth.

Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

O God, how manifold are your works!

With Wisdom at your side you made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

There lies the great and mighty Sea,

teeming with living things both great and small.

Upon it sail the ships,

and there is Leviathan, the monster you made to play in it.

All these look to you,

to give them their food in due season.

What you give them they gather up.

When you open your hand,

you fill them with good things.

But when you hide your face they despair.

When you take away their breath, they die, and return to dust.

But when you send out your spirit, they live again,

and you renew the face of the earth.

Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

May your glory, O God, endure forever.

May you rejoice, O God, in your works.

When you look at the earth it trembles,

when you touch the mountains they smoke.

I will sing to God as long as I live.

I will praise my God while I have being.

Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

Scripture: Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness, and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son;

today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Scripture: Mark 10:35-45 The Request of James and John

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

*The other readings for this week are: **Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:33-45***

Meditation: “Sacrum Facere”

Hymn VU 562 “Jesus Calls Us” Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852. Music: William Herbert Jude, 1874.

Words and Music in the Public Domain.

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, “Christian, follow me.”

Long ago apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus’ sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us: by your mercies, Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Jesus told James and John that there are no places of honour in God's way of doing things. Instead, Jesus invited them and us to serve. Let us give generously that our gifts may serve God's purposes.

Offertory Hymn VU 218 "We Praise You, O God" Words: Julia Cory, 1902. Music: Netherlands melody, 1626.
Harmonized by Edward Kresmer. Words, Music and Harmonization in the Public Domain.

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

It is only a small fraction of the assets at our disposal, Challenging God, but may it be used to bring food to the hungry, companionship to the lonely, healing to the broken, and hope to all. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for all your mercies: for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your wisdom that has challenged us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and all your children, and to be thankful for all your gifts, by serving you and delighting to do your will.

Gracious God, we pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your service. We pray for Komoka United Church as they struggle on without a spiritual leader.

We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace. Especially we pray for the people of the Caribbean: Antigua& Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago.

We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed, or violence, that the heart of humanity may warm with your tenderness. We pray especially for refugees and internally displaced people, whether they have fled war and violence, discrimination, economic collapse, or climate change.

We pray for the land, the sea, and the sky, that we may live with respect in creation and use your gifts with reverence.

We pray for all who mourn a loss, especially the friends and family of Leighton Coatsworth, Bill Greason, Ruth Laing and Sheila.

We pray for all who are ill or dying, awaiting medical treatment or recovering from medical intervention, and their loved ones and caregivers. Especially we think of ..., their caregivers and loved ones, and for those whose needs are known only in the silence of our own hearts....

Compassionate God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy now and forever. And we continue to pray the words that Jesus taught us, saying,

**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.**

Hymn VU 418 "Go Forth for God" Words: J.R. Peacey, ca. 1970. Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551..

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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 peace.

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 love.

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 strength.

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

Commissioning

The God who is both stranger and friend
sends you forth to practice kindness, justice, and compassion.
**With humility we go forth to love and serve you, O God,
by loving and serving all whom we meet,
sure of Your grace, Your love, and Your Spirit in our lives.**

Response: VU 961 “Let us, O God, Depart in Peace” George Whelpton. In the Public Domain
Let us, O God, depart in peace, who in your name are gathered here.
Disclose the brightness of your face, and be forever near.

Postlude: “Jesus Loves Me” Inspired by MacDowell’s *To A Wild Rose*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **study group** meets Wednesdays at 2 p.m. until October 30.

The **2024-2025 Salt of the Earth** calendar is now available to order. Please let Rev. Mark know if you want one so we can combine orders to save money!

Frozen Fruit Pies are now available for order. Large pies are \$14, small pies are \$7. You can sign up (name, phone number, and order) on the sheet in the lower hall, email dorchesterUC@gmail.com call 519-268-3154, or contact Carol Reid or Brenda Olejnik. Pickup will be Saturday, November 30, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Cross Country Check-In! All are invited to join an informal, thoughtful national meeting on October 22 at 6:00 p.m. ET with the General Secretary, the Rev. Michael Blair, and guests from the General Council Executive—LIVE ONLINE. They want to hear from the church across the country so they can prepare for the November General Council Executive meetings and beyond. Everyone is welcome. Registration is now open at <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=221>

Fishbowl: Cross-Generational Discussion. ARWRC is holding an online discussion between youth (teens to twenty-somethings) and elders (45+) to better understand one another and their context within the church. To learn more, go to <https://arwrcucc.ca/youth-and-elders-fishbowl-discussion/>

LECTIONARY READINGS:

October 27 – Twenty-third after Pentecost – Proper 25

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52