

Sunday July 13, 2025
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 10

We Gather In God's Presence

Prelude: "What Wondrous Love is This" Inspired by Grieg's "*Air*" from *Holberg Suite*. Op40 #4.
William Walker's Southern Harmony Arr. Faye Lopez

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship

We have gathered to worship God.

We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives,
and to ask God's help in our learning, in our growing, and in our loving.

Hymn VU 232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" Words: Henry van Dyke, 1907. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824;
adapt. Edward Hodges, 1864. Words, Music, and Adaptation in the Public Domain.

Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 wellspring of the joy of living,
 ocean depth of happy rest!
 Source of grace and fount of blessing,
 let your light upon us shine;
 teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus
 which the morning stars began;
 God's own love is reigning o'er us,
 joining people hand in hand.
 Ever singing, march we onward,
 victors in the midst of strife;
 joyful music leads us sunward
 in the triumph song of life.

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Glorious God, we come together as your people. We come as a praising people, singing your goodness; we come as a praying people, bringing our needs and our joys; we come as a listening people, opening to your Word; we come as a confessing people, confessing sins that are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a fire of judgement. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Amen.

Ministry of Music: Hymn Sing

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 17 "O Ancient Love" Words and Music: Michael Joncas, 1994; © 1994 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.
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O ancient love, processing through the ages;
O hidden love, revealed in human form;
O promised love, the dream of seers and sages:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O homeless love, that dwells among the stranger;
O lowly love, that knows the mighty's scorn;
O hungry love, that lay within a manger:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O gentle love, caressing those in sorrow;
O tender love, that comforts those forlorn;
O hopeful love, that promises tomorrow:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O suffering love, that bears our human weakness;
O boundless love, that rises with the morn;
O mighty love, concealed in infant meekness:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Psalm 82 VU 799

Salvation is from God, our God.

God stands in the council of heaven,
in the midst of the gods gives judgement:

**"How long will you judge unjustly,
and favour the cause of the wicked?"**

Give justice to the weak and the orphan,
maintain the right of the lowly and destitute.

**Rescue the weak and the needy,
save them from the hands of the wicked.**

Salvation is from God, our God.

You neither know nor understand;

**you go about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

I say then to you: "Gods you all may be,
and offspring of the Most High;

**but you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any of the mighty."**

Rise up, O God, and judge the earth,
and take all the nations as your possession!

Salvation is from God, our God.

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37 **The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

*The lectionary readings for this week are: **Amos 7:1-17; Colossians 1:1-14***

Sermon: "Love"

Hymn VU 143 “My Song Is Love Unknown” Words: Samuel Cressman, 1664. Music: John Ireland, 1918.
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My song is love unknown,
my Saviour’s love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but people scorned and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

We Respond To God’s Grace

Invitation to Invest in God’s Mission

All that we have comes from God. We are only the current stewards of God’s creation. Our greatest question is not how can we benefit from God’s gifts, but what is the most faithful way to use God’s resources for God’s people, for God’s dominion, for God’s creation? Our tithes and offerings will be received.

Offertory Hymn VU 218 “We Praise You, O God” Words: Julia Cory, 1902. Music: Netherlands melody, 1626,
harmonized Edward Kremser, 1877. 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

Through these gifts, O God, may all heed the voice of justice, hear the call to compassion, embrace the way of sharing, and know solidarity with the loving Christ. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven:

remind us this day that you are not only creation's Architect,
but you are the Babe who cried for food,
the teenager who knew loneliness,
the adult who felt the rejection of loved one.

Hallowed be Thy name:

yours is the name spun by the stars;
yours is the name whispered by the dying;
yours is the name written on our hearts.

Thy Kingdom come:

may it be a kingdom of peace, not prejudice;
may it be a kingdom of sharing, not grasping;
may it be a kingdom of hope, not hurting.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven:

may your Word be more than print on a page;
may your justice be more than a wish in our hearts;
may your will become our deepest desire.

Give us this day our daily bread:

let us taste it in the kisses of loved ones;
let it fill us in the empty moments of our lives;
let it slip out of our hands to mend the brokenness of our world.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive others:

may those who have hurt us find a welcome in our hearts,
even as we have found our home in yours.

And lead us not into temptation:

turn our hearts from the seductions of our world;
and the simple pleasures that turn us from you.

Keep us from thinking we are so important
that we ignore those around us.

Help us to always bring others to you in prayer,
before we bring ourselves, as we do in these moments:

the people of Eritrea and Ethiopia

the friends and family of Keith Finnigan and Grant

Annette, Barb, Butch, Ken....

and those known only in silence of our hearts....

But deliver us from evil:
 not just great evils of war and hunger,
 but from ingratitude, self-love, pride,
 all those little evils that do such great harm.
 For thine is the kingdom:
 our heart's true longing;
 and the power:
 which you set aside to serve us in weakness;
 and the glory:
 which we would mirror in our lives, our bodies, our minds, our souls,
 this day and every day.
 forever and ever.

We pray together the words that Jesus taught the disciples...

**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,
 the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn VU 348 "O Love, How Deep" Words: from Latin, 15th C; trans. Benjamin Webb, 1854.

Music: melody from Piaae Cantiones; adapt. Michael Praetorius.

Words, Music, and Adaptation in the Public Domain.

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
 It fills the heart with ecstasy,
 that God, in Jesus Christ, should take
 our mortal form for mortals' sake.

God sent no angel to our race
 of higher or of lower place,
 but wore the robe of human frame,
 and freely to this lost world came.

For us he was baptized, and bore
 a holy fast, and hungered sore;
 for us temptations sharply knew;
 for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us great daily works were wrought,
by words and signs, and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked foes betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

To God whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through the Son,
to God all praise and glory be
both now and through eternity.

Commissioning and Benediction

Go to the world in peace.

**We go, loving the Lord our God with all our heart,
with all our soul,
with all our mind,
with all our strength,
and loving our neighbour as ourself.**

May it be so.

Amen.

Sung Response: "Go Now in Peace" Words and music: Don Bessig and Nancy Price.
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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.

Postlude: "More Love to Thee" Molly James. Tune: *More Love to Thee*. By William Doane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION: Rev. Mark will be on vacation Monday, July 14 until Sunday, August 3 inclusive.

In his absence, for pastoral emergencies please contact Rev. Karlene Kimber at 519-282-3056.

Reynolds Creek United Church (Putnam) have extended an invitation to join them for worship July 20 and July 27. August 3 is an opportunity to worship with a faith community you are unfamiliar with, such as the Catholic church in Dorchester. AND, starting August 10 Reynolds Creek United Church has been invited to join us for the month of August.

Holy Diner is back. It runs from 5 to 7 p.m. every Thursday until August 28.

UCW Summer Event is July 19 at Siloam United Church, London, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The guest speakers and musical performers are Colleen Jamieson, Danielle Hill and Jolene Jamieson-Nethcott. They are members of Oneida First Nation and are known collectively as "Sisters in Spirit."

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Lectionary Readings:

July 20, Sixth after Pentecost, Proper 11

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 27, Seventh after Pentecost, Proper 12

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

August 3, Eighth after Pentecost, Proper 13

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 10, Ninth after Pentecost, Proper 14

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40