

Order of Worship

Sunday, July 25, 2021

9th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Jim Preece, Organist/Choirmaster

Lighting of the Candles

Words of Welcome

Rev. Ashley Jenkins, Pastor

Chiming of the Hour

*Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth. Amen.

*Hymn

Let My People Seek Their Freedom

UMH 586

“Let my people seek their freedom
in the wilderness awhile,
from the slave pens of the Delta,
from the ghettos on the Nile”:
So God spoke from out of Sinai,
so God spoke and it was done,
and a people crossed the waters
toward the rising of the sun.

“Let my people seek their freedom
in the wilderness awhile,
from the aging shrines and structures,
from the cloister and the aisle”:
so the Son of God has spoken,
and the storm clouds are unfurled,
for God’s people must be scattered
to be servants in the world.

When we murmur on the mountains
for the old Egyptian plains,
when we miss our ancient bondage,
and the hope, the promise, wanes;
then the rock shall yield its water
and the manna fall by night,
and with visions of a future
shall we march toward the light.

In the maelstrom of the nations,
in the journeying into space,
in the clash of generations,
in the hungering for grace,
in the agony and glory,
we are called to newer ways
by the Lord of our tomorrows
and the God of earth’s todays.

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada

**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 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. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory Be to the Father

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Blessing of the Schools and Backpacks

WE GROW THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 31:8-9

Jean Cotton, Reader

Speak out on behalf of the voiceless,
and for the rights of all who are vulnerable.
Speak out in order to judge with righteousness
and to defend the needy and the poor.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jenkins

The Lord's Prayer

**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,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

*Congregational Response

Lord, may our prayer rise like incense in your sight,
May this place be filled with the fragrance of Christ. Amen

*Hymn

When the Poor Ones

1 When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,
[Refrain] then we know that God still goes that road with us,

2 When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,
[Refrain] then we know that God still goes that road with us,

3 When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better,
[Refrain] then we know that God still goes that road with us,

4 When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,
[Refrain] then we know that God still goes that road with us.

***Presentation and Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Jenkins

***Hymn**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift that you impart.

2. Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindle
Still to save and make us whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving
Your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to your service,
Forth in your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May your mercy know, and live.

WE GO TO SERVE

***Benediction**

Rev. Jenkins

***Responsive Affirmation**

Tune: St. Clement

All singing: The morning thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended;
Thy praise shall hallow now our rest. Amen.

Chimes

The congregation in silent reflection