

# WORSHIP, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

11:00

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Jim Preece, Organist/Choirmaster

Words of Welcome

Rev. Ashley Jenkins, Pastor

Prelude

The congregation in silent anticipation

Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit

Chancel Choir

*All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord*

*All praise to our redeeming Lord,  
who joins us by his grace,  
and bids us, each to each restored,  
together seek his face.*

\*Call to Worship

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

**that saved a wretch like me!**

I once was lost, but now am found;

**was blind, but now I see. Amen**

\*Hymn

*Now Thank We All Our God*

1. Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills,  
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

**\*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.**

**Children and Youth Moment**

Jean Cotton

**Organ Interlude**

**Choral Meditation**

Chancel Choir

*The Gift Which He on One Bestows*

*The gift which he on one bestows,  
we all delight to prove,  
the grace through every vessel flows  
in purest streams of love.*

## WE GROW THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD

### \*Gospel Reading

*Luke 15:1-10*

Kim Watson, Reader

*Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."*

*<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

*<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

### Psalter

*Psalms 103:1-18*

Nancy Lewis, Reader

The congregation joins the choir on the response:

Response: ***As far as the east is from the west,  
so far the Lord removes our sins from us.***

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jenkins

### Congregational Response

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

### \*Hymn

*What Gift Can We Bring*

1 What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

2 Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,  
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

3 Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,  
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
the Word is our promise always, forever;  
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

4 This gift we now bring, this present, this token,  
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

**Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

The People

**\*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.

**Handbell Anthem**

Bell Ensemble

*There Is A Balm in Gilead* - Arr. Sandra Eithum

**Sermon**

Rev. Jenkins

*IRS and Jesus*

**\*Hymn**

*Amazing Grace*

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

## 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