

The Season of Proper  
Sunday, August 20, 2023

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We gather as one, God's children in Christ.

**We gather to worship and to be in community together.**

We light the Christ candle to invite the Spirit of the Lord into our midst.

**May this light bring love and peace to the world.**

Opening Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre (VU 374)

(Please stand as you are able.)

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*Music: attrib. Benjamin Franklin White 1844; harm. Ronald A. Nelson 1978*

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- 1 Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.
- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.

- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!

Opening Prayer

Loving God, unchanging, ever with us, we praise you.  
You are the guiding light when the way ahead seems dark.  
You are the renewing Spirit when despair clouds our path.  
You are the will to change when old ways hold us bound.  
You are the touch of compassion when life is harsh.  
Loving God, hope of the world, giver of Jesus, we praise you.  
Amen.

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Reading

Daniel 6

Choral Response: Ancient Words

(Please remain seated.)

*Words and Music: Lynn Deshazo*

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Words of life words of hope  
Give us strength help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

Sermon Series: The Oldies But Goodies  
"The Power of Faith"

Hymn of the Day: **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**  
(Voices United 664)

(Please stand as you are able.)

*Words: Joseph Medlicott Scriven ca. 1855*

*Music: Charles Crozat Converse 1868*

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- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do our friends despise, forsake us?  
Are we tempted to despair?  
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,  
and we'll find new courage there.

Invitation to Offering

We are called to play our part in building up the foundations of love and service. By our giving, we strengthen our commitment to be the people of God.  
Our offering will now be received.

Choral Response: **For All Your Goodness, God**  
(Voices United 549)

(Please stand as you are able.)

*Words: trad. American*

*Music: trad. German; arr. Darryl Nixon 1987, alt.*

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For all your goodness, God,  
we give you thanks.  
Thanks for the food we eat,  
and for the friends we meet;  
for each new day we greet,  
we give you thanks.

Offering Prayer

Loving God, these gifts proclaim our faith commitment.  
May they provide friendship to the lonely, just to the oppressed  
and hope to those who have suffered loss.  
Bless them as a token of all we can and be in Christ.  
Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: Never Ending Joy (More Voices 40)

(Please stand as you are able.)

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Refrain: Never ending joy, never ending joy,  
never ending joy, never ending joy,  
never ending joy, never ending joy!

1 God of every tribe, every language,  
God of every river and sea,  
God of every mountain and island,  
you bring joy to me. *Refrain*

2 God of every hill, every valley,  
God of every leaf, every tree,  
God of every cloud, every raindrop,  
you bring joy to me. *Refrain*

3 God of every song, every story,  
God of every captive set free,  
God of every dance, every footstep,  
you bring joy to me. *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leadership – James Yi

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

A Time to Wonder – Pastor Beth Parsons

Readers – Glenn Parsons, Ruth Schulz, and Barbara Waldner

Spirit Kids Program – Ruth Schulz

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