

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 16, 2023

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus the Christ; light of the world!

**We know his name is Jesus,
we know he is the light,
So as we learn and follow,
let's make our living bright!**

Opening Hymn: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Voices United 245

(Please stand as you are able)

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- 1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

- 2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Opening Prayer

**God of all life we gather as your people,
yearning for your touch and your Grace.
Stir our hearts with your creative love as we worship you.
Surprise us and awaken our hearts
to follow in the ways of the Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

A Time to Wonder

Hymn: Dance with the Spirit (More Voices 156, vs. 2)

(Please stand as you are able)

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Dance with the Spirit
early in the morning,
Move with the Spirit
throughout the long day,
Work and hope
for new life abornin'
Listen to the spirit
to show you the way.

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:6-8

Hymn: What Does the Lord Require of You

Voices United 701

(Please remain seated)

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1 What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?

2 Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.

3 To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Reflection: 'Mountain Top Lessons'

Hymn of the Day: We Are Pilgrims (Servant Song)

Voices United 595

(Please stand as you are able)

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1 We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

2 Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6 Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Invitation to Offering

Creator God we are grateful for your love.

May our joy be expressed in how we live and how we give.

Accept our gifts of time, money, prayers and faithfulness.

Choral Response: Bless Our Families

Voices United 556, vs. 4
(Please stand as you are able)

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Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

Offering Prayer

The gifts we bring, inform our living and our loving.
We offer what we can, and who we are.
Holy God, bless us as we give,
and journey with us as we live out our gratitude.
Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our God, who is all around us, your name is music to our ears.
Your Kingdom is one of justice, mercy and compassion
and we carry out your orders in our life as we understand them.
Today give us bread for our journey.
Please forgive us when we wrong others.
Help us to forgive those who wrong us.
May we resist temptation and not be caught up in evil ways.
Your Kingdom, your power and your glory
are mirrored in the best that we have to offer
and reflected in all that we can be.
May we be faithful to that Kingdom.
Amen.

Parting Hymn: Go, Make a Difference (More Voices 209)

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Refrain Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference.
We can make a difference,
Go make a difference in the world.

1 We are the salt of the earth,
Called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
Not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world. *Refrain*

2 We are the hands of Christ
Reaching out to those in need,
The face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
We are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world. *Refrain*

3 So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world. *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leadership – Rev. Hilde J. Seal
Music Leadership – James Yi
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
A Time to Wonder – Rev. Hilde J. Seal
Scripture Reader – Ron Childs
Spirit Kids Program – Moira Dennis
Technical Support – Rob Glenn & Bob Krueckl
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women’s Group
Flowers are offered by Stephen Godfrey.