

The Season of Proper
Sunday, August 6, 2023

Welcoming

Mission & Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,
to Jesus be true,
May God's gracious blessings
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Loving God, you are the light of the world, and so we light this Christ candle to bring your warmth into our midst. May this light provide a path for our footsteps and hope for the journey. Amen.

Opening Hymn: **We Are One** (VU 402, vs. 1, 2, & 4)
(Please stand as you are able.)

Words: Doreen Lankshear-Smith 1988
Music: Jeeva Sam 1987; arr. David Kai 199
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1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.

2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

Opening Prayer

God of all creation, we come together to praise your name.
We come together as your disciples in Christ to serve.
We come together seeking your love, your grace, your strength.
May you bless our time together in this space as we worship
your name. Amen.

A Time to Wonder: "Silly Songs with Beth"

Scripture Reading

Jonah And The Whale

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

"Jonah's Whale Of A Tale"

Hymn of the Day: Come Touch Our Hearts (More Voices 12)

(Please stand as you are able.)

Words and music: Gordon Light, 2002; arr. Andrew Donaldson, 2002

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1 Come touch our hearts
That we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough
to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
Come touch and bless our hearts.

2 Come touch our souls
That we may know and love you,
Your quiet presence
all our fears dispel;
Create a space for spirit to grow in us,
Let life and beauty fill us,
Come touch and bless our souls.

3 Come touch our minds
and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts
to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.

4 Come touch us in
the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness
your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.

5 Come touch us now,
this people who are gathered,
to break the bread
and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all,
come touch us with your grace.

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

Gracious God, receive from our hands the gifts we bring.
We offer what we can in glory and praise to you.
May we be strengthened as we give, and may the world be
enriched by these gifts. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: Let All Things Now Living (Voices United 242)

(Please stand as you are able.)

Words: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.

Music: Welsh folk melody; desc. Katherine K. Davis 1938

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1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leadership – James Yi
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
A Time to Wonder – Pastor Beth Parsons
Readers – Moira Dennis & Pat MacLeod
Spirit Kids Program – Moira Dennis
Technical Support – Jiemei Li & Ron Norman
Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queens of Caffeine
Flowers are offered by Jiemei Li and Edward Hickcox
in celebration of the life of Jiemei's father, En Li.