

PRELUDE *Prayer*, Cesar Franck (1822-1890)
Prelude in G Major, Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)

WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

The Peace of Christ be with you.... **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is calling us out.
Out of the places we hide
Out of insecurity
Out of shame
Out from under that which silences love and justice.

Come out, people of God!

Though we may be afraid
Though we will be at risk

God calls us to courage!

Our God is a god of resurrection. Of new life after devastation. Of hope in the grip of evil. And so we dare to proclaim, with pride and faith, our truths:

We believe in the power of love.
We believe in solidarity with the suffering.
We believe we are each valuable.
We believe that our togetherness is transformative.

The world is longing for Holy truths that reveal, voices that speak real words of hope.

Come out, people of God!

***HYMN** NCH 305 *You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim*

SCRIPTURE *Psalms 77:1-21, 11-20; Galatians 5:1; 13-25*

MUSICAL REFLECTION NCH 396 *Where Charity and Love Prevail* Shane Estes, soloist

SERMON *1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21*

SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray for health and strength for Pasha Buck, Molly Campe, George Drake, Betty Anne Francis, Gene McCaw, Edd Scheer, Amy Schirm, and Gayle Strickler.

We pray for comfort and peace for Jean Libbey's family and friends. Jean died on May 23rd. A memorial service for Jean is planned for August 27th.

We pray for comfort and peace for Orlan Mitchell and family. Verlene died on April 10th.

PASTORAL PRAYER

In the midst of all that keeps our spirits frantic, overwhelmed, or troubled, we pause.

We pause to remember each other as those whose precious and precarious lives are inherently bound together.

We pause to remember the basic gifts of water, of trees, of beauty, of the land we gather upon.

We pause to remember our neighbors—distant and near.

And so to the One who is Love, we bring the prayers of our communities. Where we share in joy or concern, let us respond together, “God, hear our prayers.”

We pray...

For all the queer, trans, and intersex children and youth across the globe. For the ones who are struggling with feelings of isolation and shame. For those who have no safe place or people to retreat to. For those who must be teachers to the adults in their lives. For those who are unsafe in their communities.

We pray for our elders whose labor we are indebted to. For the ones who never tasted the freedom they fought for. For the ones who were forced to the fringes of their own movements. For the allies who suffered beside us, casting their lot with us in true solidarity. For the ones forgotten and betrayed. We pray for all those who hunger for justice and liberation today. For the ones who lay down their lives for their friends. For the ones who tell the truth. For the ones who take risks, who dream, who feed and pray, who fight for bread and roses, both. For the ones who are eager to learn and grow and offer their gifts to the work of enfleshing your promises.

We pray for all who are suffering in the church and the world at the hands of white supremacy. For those imprisoned by the state. For those whose land has been taken. For the earth that groans beneath us. For those without food or housing. For those fighting to recover from illness, coronavirus and others. For those experiencing economic hardship. For those who have yet to repent.

We pray in gratitude for all that nourishes and sustains us. For the gifts of beauty and friendship, shared meals, art, and love. For laughter. For pleasure. For the friends, lovers, and comrades who lift our spirits, always by our side when the days are heavy. For the freedom we have in Christ.

For your presence within and around us, in our highs and lows, our hope and our despair, God, we give you thanks. Hear our prayers and deepen our willingness to show up with and for one another, sharing in each other’s burdens and working to protect and care for one another. We pause now for a moment to allow you to silently offer your own prayers. (PAUSE)

God in your mercy, hear our prayers as we pray in the Spirit of Christ saying...

LORD’S PRAYER *(Inclusive Version)*

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother

Holy is your name. May your love be enacted in the world.

May your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth,
and the fullness of love that will be are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

GRATITUDE FOR OFFERING / DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

***HYMN** NCH 493 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

BENEDICTION

Let us go from here to proclaim the good news:

 God takes on flesh in the strange and surprising.

 Love liberates from the margins.

 Together, we have what we need to resist evil and oppression.

With a renewed commitment to solidarity with God and all LGBTQIA+ people, may the Spirit lead us from this place with peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*, Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

** please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please extend a warm welcome to Crystal Schrader who is leading worship today.

Crystal (she/her) is a genderqueer Lutheran who studied at Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary (now United Seminary) and discovered a passion for multicultural and inner-city ministry. She has worked in the fields of immigration, refugee resettlement, civil rights, and housing. In her free time, she enjoys reading, playing piano, and going for walks.

Next Sunday, July 3rd we will gather for worship downstairs in Friendship Hall where we will share coffee and cake and view the conference's World Refugee Day Ecumenical Worship Service. We will also have updates from John Ashby and John Noer on assistance being provided to refugees locally. We hope you can join us!

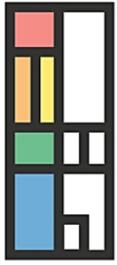
Pastor Jessica will be away June 19 – July 9 for her Doctorate of Ministry Intensive. During that time, please contact Judy Scheer at 563-568-1943 or John Ashby at 209-483-1283 for any pastoral care needs.

Worship Resources

Call to Worship & Pastoral Prayer ~ enfleshed; <https://enfleshed.com/liturgy-library/>

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Benediction ~ <https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/pride-sunday>



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**Third Sunday after Pentecost
Open and Affirming Sunday
June 26, 2022
*To Grow in Love of God and Neighbor***

Worship Participants

Guest Minister	Crystal Schrader
Liturgist	Ross Haenfler
Musicians	Shane Estes
Organist	Kenneth Davis
Artist	Edd Scheer
Worship Hosts	JoAnn Britton, Nancy Brown, Jeananne Schild
Tech Team	Barbara and John Ashby, Dave Eberbach, Josh Sandquist
Sunday Drivers	Rick Ramsey, George Britton, Denny Conway, Shane Estes, John Noer
Chancel Care	Sarah White, Glenyce Conway, Karen Edwards, Sue Ramsey, Oliva Wright