

**DOWNTOWN UNITED**  
**Bulletin for Aug 6, 20, 27 and Sept. 3**  
*August 13 will have a separate bulletin*

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Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.  
At the points marked \* - those who are able are invited to stand.

**THE PEOPLE GATHER**

**Organ Prelude:**

**Greeting:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle & Introit:**

*MV 18*

**\*Gathering Hymn:**

<i>August 6</i>	<i>We are one</i>	<i>VU 402</i>
<i>August 20</i>	<i>Come, let us wing of a wonderful love</i>	<i>VU 574</i>
<i>August 27</i>	<i>Make a joyful noise – Psalm 100</i>	<i>VU 820</i>

**Call to Worship:**

People of God, come with a spirit of joy!

**We come to worship God with hearts and hands and voices.**

People of God, come with a spirit open to mystery!

**We come to worship God Trembling, filled with awe and wonder.**

People of God, come with humility and simplicity!

**We come to worship God Deeply aware that we long to be more. Let us worship God, be filled with God, be changed by God. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer:**

When sunlight brightens the morning sky,

**You are with us, Creator God.**

When rain refreshes the growing grain,

**you are with us, Creator God.**

In the midst of family fun and adventures with friends,

**you are with us, Gracious God.**

As we meet to pray and to praise you,

**you are with us, God, made known in faith community. Thank you and amen.**

**Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

**\* Family Hymn:**

<i>August 6</i>	<i>Come Touch Our Hearts</i>	<i>MV 12</i>
<i>August 20</i>	<i>Jesus Bids Us Shine</i>	<i>VU 585</i>
<i>August 27</i>	<i>Many are the lightbeams</i>	<i>VU 588</i>

**LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

**Prayer of Preparation(sung):**

*Break now the bread of life*

*VU 501*

**First Scripture:**

Herein is wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

**Musical Offering**

**Second Scripture:**

Herein is good news. **Praise be to God.**

**Sermon**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\* Hymn:**

<i>August 6</i>	<i>I Have Called You By Your Name</i>	<i>MV 161</i>
<i>August 20</i>	<i>Love is the touch</i>	<i>MV 89</i>
<i>August 27</i>	<i>Christ has no body now but yours</i>	<i>MV 171</i>

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music**

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sung):** *VU 960*

**\* Closing Hymn:**

<i>August 6</i>	<i>Bless Now O God The Journey</i>	<i>VU 633</i>
<i>August 20</i>	<i>Put peace into each others hands</i>	<i>MV 173</i>
<i>August 27</i>	<i>What a friend we have in Jesus</i>	<i>VU 664</i>

**Sending Forth**

**Commissioning & Benediction:** *May the God of hope – (verse 1)* *VU 424*

**Postlude:**