

Downtown United

August 2nd, 2020 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.

Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Greeting:

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: Lord, Prepare Me

MV 18 X3

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,
Sanctuary for you.

Opening Prayer

Time for the Young and the Young at Heart

Hymn:

How Firm a Foundation
How firm a foundation,
you servants of God,
is laid for your faith
in God's excellent word!
What more can be said
than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge
to Jesus have fled?

VU 660

"Fear not, I am with you;
O be not dismayed!
For I am your God
and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you,
and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous
omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters
I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow
shall not overflow;
.for I will be with you,

your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you
your deepest distress

"When through fiery trials
your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient,
shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you,
I only design
your dross to consume,
and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus
has leaned for repose
I will not -- I will not
desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell
should endeavour to shake,
I'll never -- no, never
-- no, never forsake!"

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you with fear. We know that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people in need; we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless. And so we hesitate to come before you because we believe that you are disappointed in us. Remind us again that you are merciful and your love transforms and changes our lives. When we falter and slide off the path of hope you place before us, you "pick us up and dust us off" and put us again on the trail, confident of your faithful presence with us. Forgive us our weakness. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace. We pray this in Christ's name. **AMEN.**

Assurance of God's Love

Illumination Verse: Teach Me God To Wonder

VU 299 (vs 4)

Teach me God to know you,
hear you when you speak,
See you in my neighbour
when we meet.

Praise to you be given,
love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.

Today's Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
I feel you here
I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
Heaven is here.

And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia

Jump for joy for you

I will jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia

Jump for joy for you.

I can feel you loving me

yes I know you care

God I know you're loving me

always everywhere

I can feel you loving me

yes I know you care

God I know you're loving me

I know you're there.

And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia

Jump for joy for you

I will jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia

Jump for joy for you.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Dedication Verse: What Can I Do?

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy! I'll say a prayer!

I'll bring my love! I'll do my share!

MV 48

MV 191

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

In the night-time of our fear, in the dawn of our hope, in all the times of our lives we offer all that we are to you, O God. Receive what we offer of our time, talent, and treasure for the building up of your kingdom, for the healing of your world. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of our brother and companion on the way Jesus Christ.

AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's prayer

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

VU 651

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty;

hold me with thy powerful hand;

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

feed me till I want no more.

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fiery cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through;

strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,

be thou still my Strength and Shield.

Be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,

land me safe on Canaan's side;

songs of praises, songs of praises,

I will ever give to thee.

I will ever give to thee.

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: Go to the World

VU 420 (vs 4)

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

For I am with you till the age shall end,

When all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude

St. Paul's United Contact Information

Reverend Richard and Eric will be off next week August 3rd-9th

Emergency Pastoral Concerns

Because Reverend Richard is on vacation next week, emergency pastoral care concerns are being handled by Reverend **Ellen**. Should you have an emergency, please contact her at **(506) 206-1943**

Office Coverage

While Eric is away, someone will be in the office in a limited capacity to help as needed. On Tuesday August 4th Debbie Allison will be in and Thursday August 6th Cathy Davis . In both cases, they will be in the office from 10am-2pm. If you would like to drop anything off or pick anything up, please call 458-1183 during those hours

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