Downtown United

August 16th, 2020 - 11th 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: Come In, Come In and Sit Down

VU 395

Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.

We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain, so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family. R

God is with us in this place, like a mothers warm embrace. We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family. R

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine, we are the branches
Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family. R

There's rest for the weary and health for us all,

there's a yoke that is easy and a burden that's small. So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family. R

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

We come before you today, o God, admitting that what is in our hearts is not always in line with what you teach us, what you showed us in Christ. We allow ourselves to be guided by our fear rather than by your love. We often say that we believe certain things, that your love is for all, that we want to be vessels for that love. But then we speak or act in a way that betrays the truth of our hearts, that we have allowed fear ignorance to make our decisions for us. Help us to see the way that you have placed at our feet. Give us the courage to change our perspective just as Christ does when faced with Injustice. We ask this and all things in his strong 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: Matthew 15:10–28

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Who is my Mother

MV 178

Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people born from the Gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labeled, widen the circle round Jesus Christ: crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas, all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us—colour or status can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ: family failings, human derailings—all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission we claim each other, round Jesus Christ: here is my mother, here is my brother, kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Dedication Verse:

What Can I Do?

MV 191

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!

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

You, O God, inspire and encourage the best in us. Receive what we give as we strive to build your kingdom of peace, love, and justice. Bless what we offer and who we are. Guide us from this moment into the next as we serve this world and one another in the name of Christ, our brother and Saviour. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's prayer

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me

VU 567

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me? Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free And never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen, And admit to what I mean In you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside And never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found

To reshape the world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true When you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you And never be the same.

In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

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

Eric will be off next week August 17th-23rd

Reverend Richard email rev.bowley@outlook.com cell phone 262-2150 call anytime.

Office Coverage

While Eric is away, someone will be in the office in a limited capacity to help as needed. On Tuesday August 18th Debbie Allison will be in and Thursday August 20th 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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