

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.**

St. Paul's United Contact Information

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

Reverend Richard email rev.bowley@outlook.com
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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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