

# *Downtown United*

August 30th, 2020 - 13th 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: We are Pilgrims VU 595  
We are pilgrims on a journey.  
Fellow travellers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you;  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till  
we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

We want to follow you, O Christ. We want to walk with you to heal, to help, to have those high moments with you and your followers. But we know that following you also means going to dark places, standing up in the face of hate, and proclaiming our faith in a world where it is not always popular to do so. Forgive us those times where we set down our cross because it is inconvenient. Forgive us for living half our faith, living only in the safe side of your call. Forgive us when we doubt your presence with us on the way. Guide us. Inspire us. Empower us, O Christ, to truly follow you. 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 16:21-28

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138  
My love colours outside the lines,  
Exploring paths that few could ever find  
And takes me into places where I've never  
been before And opens doors to worlds  
outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,  
turns wounds to blessings,  
water into wine;  
and takes me into places where I've never  
been before and opens doors to worlds  
outside the lines.

**We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown, body and soul need a soaking from time to time.**

**And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die and realize there are worlds outside the lines**

**My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
tear back the curtains,  
sun come in and shine,  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries,  
where I've never been before,  
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### **Invitation to the Offering**

#### **Offertory**

#### **Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

**You give us all that we are. You give us our strength, our courage, our hope. Receive what we offer of our time, talent, and treasure as we strive to support our communities of faith in the building up of your kingdom, O God. Bless them and us. We ask this and all things in the name of our brother Jesus Christ. AMEN**

## *Sacrament of Holy Communion*



## **SENDING FORTH**

**Closing Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast."**

**I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down, and drink, and live."**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul  
revived, and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise;  
and all your day be bright."**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.**

### **Commissioning & Benediction**

**Choral Closing: Go to the World  
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!**

VU 420 (vs 4)

### **Postlude**

VU 626

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