

DOWNTOWN UNITED CHURCH

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Scripture Reader: Mike Berry

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

Welcome the Light

In Psalm 89...verse 15, we read:

*Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship,
for they will walk in the light of your presence, O God.*

Let us welcome the light among us in this sacred place.

Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather together this morning, in this sacred space. open to God's presence

**We gather as a community – near and far – thankful for
all that we have been given.**

We have come for a glimpse of a world where love can live and all can safely dwell.

**We have come to be fed so we may go forth renewed, refreshed
and full of hope.**

Let us join our hearts together in worship.

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Our Father, in heaven

Hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory our yours,

now and for ever

Hymn: MV 1 *Let Us Build a House* (vs 1,2 & 4)

Let us build a house where love can dwell

And all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,

And words are strong and true, Where all God's children dare to seek To dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome, all are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach

beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger.

All are welcome, all are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

Storytime for the Young and the Young at Heart

Prayer of Understanding..

In Song: VU 376 *Spirit of the Living God* (v 1)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

In Word:

In Song: VU 376 *Spirit of the Living God (v 2)*

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:30 – 46

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

Sermon

Hymn VU 563 *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

**1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.**

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

**2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour.**

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

**3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.**

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

**4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.**

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

Presentation of Our Offering

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU 602 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

1 **Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

2 **Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

3 **We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

4 **This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day.**

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: