

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

June 20, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: MV # 27 "Creator God, You Gave Us Life" (vs. 1 & refrain)

1. Creator God, you gave us life,
your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole.

Refrain: Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to the Lord, our God,
who loves us with an everlasting love,
as a father loves his children;
who gathers us together from the north and the south,
the east and the west;
who leads us beside quiet streams,
and shows us the way we should go.

Based on Jeremiah 31

OPENING HYMN: This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas-- His hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

OPENING PRAYER

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of

his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of this truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come to you for a moment of quiet in our self-made busyness. We come to you for energy in our weariness. We come to you for challenge when we are willing to settle for our own small plans and dreams. We long for the peace of your presence, even as we are afraid of the urgency of your call. Enter, Spirit of God, into each of our lives and enliven us; enter, Spirit of God, into our community and enable us to love and serve you and all your children. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

- Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD

CHILDREN'S FOCUS:

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN HYMN: CCS # 90 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" (vs. 1& 4)

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got everybody here in His hands

He's got everybody here in His hands

He's got everybody here in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Gospel: John 3:16

MESSAGE: "Qualities Learnt from God Our Father"

SONG OF REFLECTION VIP # 670 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (vs. 1)

1. Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, cheerfully and joyously, we lift up these offerings to you. You have poured out your generosity upon us without restraint. Thank you for our being able to make a difference in the church and in the world by the offering of our time, talent, gifts and service. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We lift up our prayers as we sing VU # 664 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Savior, is our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness and will find new courage there

IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN: VU # 642 “Be Thou my Vision”

1. Be Thou my Vision, O joy of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
Thou loving parent thy child may I be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;
be Thou my dignity, thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only the first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. Great God of heaven, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys;
O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

COMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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**We welcome all who join us in worship today
whether online or reading the bulletin at home.**

**We are now Live-streaming our worship services, we will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. If for any reason
you cannot join at that time the recording will still be available on our YouTube Channel.**

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In our thoughts and prayers this week:
The Fitzpatrick family, Barb Gowman, Leslie Jackson,
Brenda Marshall, Al Meyer, the Tobias family and Vanessa, Simon and son Silas.

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Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Dave and Norma Collis on Saturday, June 26 –
Congratulations!



**Today, congratulations are being sent to Carol and Bob Crocker as they celebrate their
57th Wedding Anniversary.**



And also today, **Happy Birthday wishes to Karen Hodges.**

Monday June 21st Happy Birthday wishes go to **Kerene Kelly** for her 88th birthday.
May God be with all of you as you celebrate your special day and may He bless you with
good health for many years.

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Today the Sunday school message will be uploaded to YOUTUBE after worship.

Each week the kids will get a story and the next day a bag will be delivered with their
craft instructions and supplies in it. Each family will have two reusable bags - one for
current week and **we ask that they hand the bag from previous week back on
delivery date - to be used the following week.**

