

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

July 25, 2021

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Reg Butcher

WELCOME

INTROIT: VU # 378 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" (vs. 1)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
And make me love you as I ought to love.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Trust in the Lord at all times, O People; God is a refuge for us.
God is our rock and our salvation; we shall not be shaken.
God is good and in God's work we find our strength.
We sing of all God's wonderful works! We give thanks and praise to the Lord! Amen.

OPENING HYMN: VU # 387 "Loving Spirit"

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be --
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be --
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

OPENING PRAYER

Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you. We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace, peace as you can give. Today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice. Today we would be still enough to feel your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Our whole world needs your peace. Let us come before you and learn your ways, laying down our weapons and feeding the hungry. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS:

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN HYMN: CCS # 106 “I am a Promise”

I am a promise, I am a possibility
I am a promise with a capital P
I am a great big bundle of potentiality,
And I am learning to hear God's voice
And I am trying to make the right choices
I'm a promise to be anything He wants me to be

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Gospel: John 1:16-21

MESSAGE: “Journeying with Christ”

HYMN OF REFLECTION: VU # 658 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” (vs. 2 & 3)

2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.
3. O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Good and Gracious God, of whose bounty we have all received, we beseech thee to accept this offering from your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it, and those for whom it is given. And so follow it with thy blessing that it may promote peace and good will among men, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

IN JESUS’ NAME WE GO TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN: VU # 670 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone. Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall, take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

We welcome all who join us in worship today.

We have finally begun in-person worship.

Please be reminded of the following:

- You must register to attend worship
- Live-streaming will continue for your viewing on our YouTube channel
- We will also continue to send out the paper form of the bulletin to those who need it

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In our thoughts and prayers this week:

The Fitzpatrick family, Margaret Betty on the loss of her nephew, Barb Gowman,
Brenda Marshall, Helen Marshall (mother of Darrell Marshall and
mother-in-law of Michelle (Cargill) Marshall, Al Meyer,
the Tobias family and Vanessa, Simon and son Silas.

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Our sympathy and prayers are with the Cargill family on the passing of Dorothy Ryder, 98 on
Wednesday, July 21. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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Lesley Jackson would like to thank you for all your cards, get well wishes and prayers. She is
happy to report she is doing well and has been discharged from the Care Partner program.

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On Monday July 26th, we would like to wish a very Happy Anniversary to 2 very special couples.

Marlene and Chuck Baldwin will celebrate their **63rd** Wedding Anniversary and

Dianne and Ken Parnell will celebrate their **52nd** Anniversary.

On Saturday July 31st, **Marie Barker** will celebrate her **84th** birthday. Happy Birthday Marie.

May God bless **all** of you as you celebrate your special day and may he watch over you for many more
celebrations in good health.

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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.**

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A Thank you card was received from The Helping Hand Food Bank. "Your donation of \$692.50
is greatly appreciated and allows us to provide nutritious food to those in need in our community.

Many thanks!"

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