

Order of Worship

INTROIT: "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing..." [# 10 VIP]

WELCOME:

- L: We gather to give thanks for all the blessings and hope of life. In the midst of trouble, God is with us.
- P: **We come from our wanderings, our lost places; we bring our struggles, our lost souls.**
- L: God, who created all things, loses nothing. Do not fear: God holds you very close.
- P: **With hope for life and life eternal, we offer our prayers and praise to God.**

HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee..." [# 5 VIP]

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| 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers
before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and
sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day! | 3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our father, Christ our
brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each
other,
Lift us to the joy divine. |
| 2. All thy works with joy
surround thee, earth and
heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around
thee,
Centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and
mountain, Flowery meadow,
flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing
fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee. | 4. Mortals, join the mighty
chorus
Which the morning stars
began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we
onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward,
In the triumph song of life. |
- Henry Van Dyke (1852—1933)**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

- L: With the psalmist we declare that "the heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge." And so, Mighty God, we meet to celebrate your greatness. We join with the hosts of heaven to sing your

praises and to offer you worship. For you are worthy of adoration from every mouth, and every tongue should praise you. You created the earth by your power; you save the human race by your mercy; and make all things new by your grace. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we offer you our grateful praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

- L: God invites us to follow Jesus and reflect him in our lives. Join me, as we confess how we have not done what He has called us to do. *(Pause as you think of the week or beyond and make your own confession to God).* Join me now as we pray together ...

ALL: Merciful God, you call out to us, yet we so often reject, ignore, or simply miss your invitation. Busy, bored, complacent, focused on status and success, we choose paths that separate us from you, from your creation, from other people, and even from ourselves. Forgetting you, we lose more than our way, we lose our very lives.

Forgive the harm we do willingly and the harm we do unknowingly.

Empower us with your grace, that we may detect our errors and heed your counsel.

Steer us from destruction and pour out your wisdom into our lives. Help us to truly know you and experience the joy of salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

- L: No one knows all their faults and none of us have brought sin under complete control. But Christ is not ashamed to identify with us. In his own suffering love, he offers us his life. Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

P: **Amen. Thanks be to God**

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PRAYER THANKSGIVING

- L: Almighty God, maker of all, with joy we give thanks for all your goodness. We praise you for the love which has created and sustained us to this day, and for the gift of your son Jesus Christ who brings us into covenant with you and with all your people of faith.

P: **Help us to treasure your gifts and to show our thankfulness by lives wholly given to your service.**

- L: We thank you for the blessings, both seen and unseen, that pour from the storehouse of your love, hour after hour, age after age.

P: **We thank you for truth; the knowledge we uncover and accumulate about the universe around us, and the wisdom which we can gain from the experiences of each another.**

- L: We thank you for beauty; for the beauty we see in blossoming trees and children's faces, and the loveliness of the human spirit revealed through times of hardship.1

P: **We thank you for peace; the peace that comes when opponents are reconciled and the peace that enfolds us when we trust our restless lives into your care.**

- L: We thank you for rest; the sleep-rest that comes at the end of an exacting day and the sweet rest that permeates our being in response to Christ's call.

P: **We thank you for laughter; the merriment we share over jokes or ironic situations.**

- L: Blessed are you, loving God, joy of the universe! We thank you for blessings both seen and unseen, and for the promise that the best is yet to come. Through Jesus Christ our light and salvation.

P: **Amen!**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: - Rev'd Claudette Campbell
(Minister, Western St. Andrew Circuit)

TIME OF PRAISE: - Full Joy

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT:

ALL: Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Proverbs 1:20-33 - Read by Sister Dorcas White

GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-38 - Read by Sister Patricia Stephenson

SERMON: - Rev'd Marlene Britton
(Program Co-ordinator,
Admission & Pastoral Relations,
The United Church of Canada/
L'Église Unie du Canada)

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "Just A Closer Walk with Thee" [# 350 VIP]

Refrain:
JUST a closer walk with thee;
Grant it, Jesus, if you please,
Daily walking close with thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toils and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

1. I am weak but thou art strong,
Jesus, keep me from all wrong,
I'll be satisfied as long,
As I walk, let me walk close with thee.

3. When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me won't be no more,
Guide me gently, safely o'er,
To thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Traditional

ANNOUNCEMENTS /OFFERTORY & BLESSING OF TITHES & OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: --

L: We pray for your church whom you have redeemed by the sacrifice of Jesus. Give it preachers and ministers filled with your spirit, and strength to serve by the guidance of your word.

P: **Perfect your church in love and in compassion, and establish it in the faith of your saints. Unite all your people that one holy church may bear witness to you and your glory.**

L: We pray that you would move our nation toward the living by your Holy Laws. Bless our national, and local leaders so that they will serve all people with integrity.

P: **Purge from us all hatred and prejudice, and build within us your love, that even in our dealings with the other nations of earth we may be servants of peace, truth and justice.**

L: Bless our homes with the joy of your presence. Strengthen us as we live out our faith in our families, that our children may grow into fullness of faith, that together we may show forth your praise in our world through deeds and words of love and compassion.

P: **Make us beacons of the faith that through us, persons will be drawn to light of your kingdom.**

L: Comfort those who sorrow and are in need, sickness or adversity. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near.

P: **Bring consolation to those in mourning, and to all give your peace, for these and all our prayers we bring to you in the name of Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "O Jesus I Have Promised ..." [# 272 VIP]

1. Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.

2. Oh, let me feel Thee near me;
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

3. Oh, let me hear Thee speaking,
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me,
To hasten, or control;
Oh, speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

4. Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

John E. Bode (1816—1874)

BENEDICTION

L: Let us go out with our minds set on the things of God. And may God make the holy Word known to us;

May Christ Jesus lead us in the ways of sacrificial love; and may the Holy Spirit set us ablaze with the joy of knowing his will.

ALL: ***We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.***



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DISTRICT THEME:

*"Spreading Scriptural Holiness to Reform the Nation...
Beginning with Me"*

Sub Theme

*"Caring for the Body, Mind and Soul as we
serve the present age"*

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Sunday, August 15, 2021

DIVINE WORSHIP

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- Sis. Yvonne Brown
- Sis. Lucette Cargill
- Sis. Marie Miller
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*A blessed welcome to all worshippers on
this beautiful Lord's Day!*