**Order of Worship**

**Centering song**

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| *Trust in the Lord with all of thine heart  And lean not to thy own understanding  But in all thy ways acknowledge him  And he shall direct thy path.* |

**Call to worship**

L: We are surrounded by diversity

**R: We all come from different backgrounds**

L: We are here together to listen to God’s word.

**R: We live together and bound by God’s love.**

L: The Lord calls us to worship in unity.

**R: In our worship let us become one.**

**Hymn**: ‘I am the Way [# 46 VIP]

1. I Am the way,   
   The king of the victory;   
   I am the truth,   
   Lord of the harmony;   
   I am the light,   
   Light of the world to be.

***Refrain:***

***Hosannah! I hold your hand   
my friend;   
Hosannah! I give you strength my friend;   
Hosannah! you walk the sea my friend;   
We’re gonna sail to victory.   
Sailing, sailing, sailing cross   
the river sailing; (rep.)  
Freedom, freedom, freedom   
in the life of Jesus.   
Hosannah! I hold your hand   
my friend;***

***Hosannah! I give you   
strength my friend;***

***Hosannah! you walk the   
sea my friend;   
We’re gonna sail to victory.***

1. I am the vine,   
   You shall abide in me;  
   I am the river,   
   You shall be cleansed in me;   
   I am the rock,   
   You shall have life in me.
2. I am your brother,   
   Living in flesh with thee;   
   I am your Saviour,   
   Dying on Calvary;   
   I am your God,   
   Rising in victory

***Fr. Richard Ho-Lung (1939—)***

**Prayer of Adoration**

L: Almighty and gracious God, it is a privilege to worship you this day in this community of saints. You have called us in a relationship with you and with others and have given us the tools to strengthen this relationship and we are grateful. May our praise be joyful, may our hearts be turned towards you and may our souls be quenched with the waters of your word. We give you all the glory and praise and gratitude this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession**

*(Period of silent prayer as we confess our sins to God   
and ask for forgiveness)*

L: Let us Pray…

Forgiving God, we give you thanks for your unconditional love and ask that you enable us to love each other unconditionally, too. Forgive us for not always answering when others ask, “Who do you say that I am?” Forgive us for ignoring those in our midst who are different from ourselves in age, race, gender, sexual orientation, education level, and economic status. Forgive us for the times we so easily conform to the language and actions of this world. Forgive us for taking the easy way out with texts, emails, or Facebook, instead of confronting each other face to face. Forgive us, God, and make us whole again. In the name of the One who came to save us, we pray, **AMEN.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

L: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. We only have to confess our sins to him and he promises to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**R: Thanks be to God**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Message from the Youth Work Commission Secretary**

**Children’s Focus**:

(Story, Skit, Modeling, dance etc.)

**Hymn: ‘Send a Youthquake…’ [#** 485 VIP]

1. Too much hurt and frustration,  
   Too much fraud and corruption,  
   And the world we live in is burning  
   In the fires of sin and shame.  
   What we need is a shaking,  
   Yes, we need an awak’ning.  
   Give it, Lord, you can set our   
   hearts aflame.

***Refrain:  
Oh yes, we want a Youthquake   
to shake the nation;  
Send it, Lord, on this generation  
Turn us all inside out for you.  
Come on strong,   
no reserve, I say.  
Rumhle-tumble like  
judgement day***

***Shake! shake! shake!   
O shake I say.***

1. Gambling, stealing and raping,  
   Lusting, smoking and drinking:  
   These are just a few of the evils  
   That are present with us each day.  
   Moral standards decaying,  
   Truth and right disappearing,  
   We ask you, Lord, to come today.
2. Youth can conquer the nation,  
   Youth can dispel damnation,  
   And today we say we are willing,  
   We will let you have your way.  
   We no more will be shirking,  
   We are all set to be working  
   With you, Lord, we ask you to come today.

***Pearl Y. Mulrain (1943-)***

**Time of Praise**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament**: **Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12**

**Responsive Psalm**: **Psalm 121**

L: **1**I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
    from where will my help come?

**R: 2My help comes from the Lord,  
    who made heaven and earth.**

L: **3**He will not let your foot be moved;  
    he who keeps you will not slumber.

**R: 4He who keeps Israel  
    will neither slumber nor sleep.**

L: **5**The Lord is your keeper;  
    the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**R: 6The sun shall not strike you by day  
    nor the moon by night.**

L: **7**The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
    he will keep your life.

**R: 8The Lord will keep  
    your going out and your coming in  
    from this time on and forevermore.**

**The Gloria**

**Epistle**: **Colossians: 3:12-17**

**Special Item**: **Youth Choir**

**Gospel**: **Matthew 7:1-12**

**Sermon:**

**Hymn of Response**: ‘**We Are One in The Spirit’ [#** **409a VIP]**

1. We are one in the Spirit  
   We are one in the Lord,  
   And we pray that all unity   
   May one day be restored.

***Refrain:***

***And they’ll know we are Christians   
By our love, by our love.  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians   
By our love.***

1. We will walk with each other,  
   We will walk hand in hand  
   And together we’ll spread the news   
   That God is in our land.
2. We will work with each other  
   We will work side by side,  
   And we’ll guard each man’s dignity  
   And save each man’s pride.
3. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
   And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
   And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

***Peter Schloss (1938—2009)***

**Altar Ministry**:

* **Announcements**
* **Offertory**
* **Blessing of Tithes and Offering**

**Prayers of intercession (**Extemporaneously**)**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn**: ‘**Give me Joy in my heart’ [# 239 VIP]**

1. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
   Give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
   Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
   Keep me praising till the break of day:

***Refrain:  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the King!***

1. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
   Give me peace in my heart, I pray;  
   Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
   Keep me loving till the break of day:

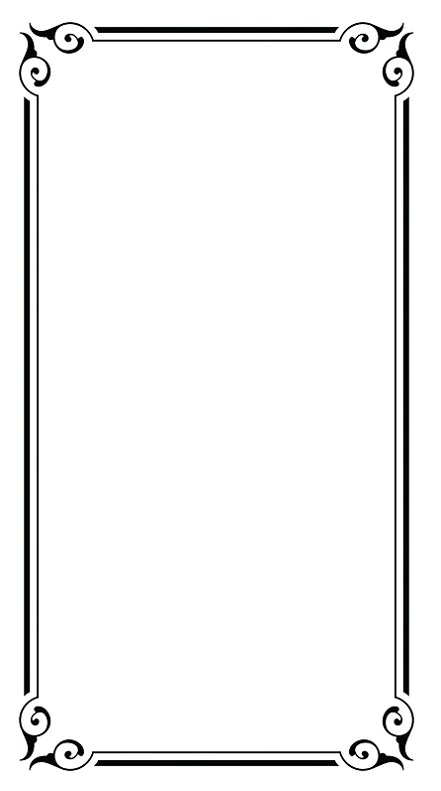
1. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
   Give me love in my heart, I pray;  
   Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
   Keep me serving till the break of day:

***Anonymous***

**Benediction**:

L: There is but one story: one God, one Saviour, and one people. Go from this place knowing that we are not alone - that you are part of the body of Christ. Go from this place and share God’s love so that all the world may unite together through the saving love of Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



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***District Youth Service***

20th Lord’s Day after Pentecost

**Sunday, October 23, 2022**

**Preacher:**

**Liturgist:**

**District Bishop**: Rev’d Christine Gooden- Benguche

**District Conference Secretary**: Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane