

July 7th, 2024

Congregational responses are in bold. (*) Indicates Standing

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit** "This is the Day that..." (chorus only) **VU#175**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: For all who are weary, tired, done in or doubting,

All: God's love is here.

One: For all who are anxious, worried, burdened or breaking,

All: Christ's peace is here.

One: For all who are joyous, grateful, excited or delighted,

All: God Spirit is here.

One: No matter how we come or why we come,

All: we welcome one another as God has welcomed us.

One: Come now and let us worship!

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Loving and Gracious God, You call each of us by name and invite us to gather in this time of worship. May we hear Your Spirit calling out to our spirits— in the words we speak, and Your Word in-between our words. In the hymns we sing, and Your notes playing within our own. Fill us of Your presence and help us to see You, in the unexpected moments of our everyday living. In Jesus loving name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" **VU#635**

Personal Prayer: "And When You Call for Me" x2 **MV#96**
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Your Spirit is always with us, God, in every time and place— and Jesus walks beside us, an image of Your Grace. In our worship and through our days, enable us to see, Your hand of love reaching out for ours, and guiding us to be free. Amen.

***Hymn:** "I Am a Child of God"

MV#157

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination:

Reader: Nancy

Scripture Lesson:

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-13

Response:

One: The Word of God,

All: **Thanks be to God for this living Word.**

Sermon "Embracing Grace"

Anthem

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "We Are Pilgrims"

VU#595

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

***Sung Dedication:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

VU#543 vs. 1

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Generous God, who gives freely the gifts of love and grace, accept the gifts of our hands, hearts, and lives this day. May they be acceptable before You, and used in such a way that all Your children see You in friend and stranger, in the unexpected and unforeseen. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "One More Step Along the World I Go"

VU#639

Commissioning (unison):

One: The blessing of God is around us.

All: The blessing of God is among us.

One: The blessing of God binds us together.

All: The blessing of God strengthens us.

One: The blessing of God travels with us.

All: The blessing of God reaches out for us.

One: We go now into the world,

All: To be that blessing for others. **Amen.**

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** "May the Peace of God Be..." **MV#222**

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: July 7	Nancy & John	July 14	Sue R. & John	July 21	Val B & John
Screens:		July 7	Tracy	July 14	Erik
				July 21	Tracy

Calendar: July 8th - 14th			
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen

Announcements:

Hot Weather Item Collection for Ensemble: Until July 15th we will be collecting summer items to share with our community members at Ensemble. They are currently in need of the following items: empty reusable water bottles (and bottles OF water), sunscreen, summer hats, Gatorade, juice boxes, deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Your generosity is appreciated!

Grocery Gift Cards: If you shop at Sobeyes; please support your church by purchasing a \$50 gift card. The church receives a percentage of each card sold. It's an easy way to generate funds. We would love to get these last few cards sold. Contact Terry or the office to purchase.

Summer Vacation: The church will be closed for the month of August. We look forward to seeing you in the office on Sept. 3rd and at our first service after the summer break will be on Sept. 8th at 10:30am.