

Unity Moravian Church
July 19, 2020
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Preamble”

L. Vierne

HEARING GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Dana Myers

Almighty God, you are the one who called this universe into being. Out of nothing you created everything that is.

By your power you hold together all space and time and substance.

By your hand alone, Creator God, the inanimate elements became alive so that we could live and move and have our being.

We celebrate life, the precious life you have given us, and we celebrate that unity of mind and emotions, of body and soul, that you want us to enjoy and share with each other.

We rejoice in the centrality of Jesus Christ in all your works, for he was with you from the very beginning, and is supreme over all creation.

We praise you that Christ is before all things, and that in him all things hold together, especially our very fragile, vulnerable, and often broken lives.

HYMN

TUNE: DUKE STREET

*Lord of all being, throned afar, Your glory flames from sun and star;
Center and Soul of every sphere, yet to each loving heart how near!*

*Lord of all life, below, above, whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
Before your ever-blazing throne we ask no luster of our own.*

We know that we will remain less than the whole persons you have called us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, and so we bow before you and pray:

Almighty God, we confess that we have tried to run away and hide from you. We constantly deceive ourselves into thinking that we can live without you. We have made idols of our own achievements. We have treated other persons as though they did not bear your image. We have failed to enfold and include all persons within the outstretched and open arms of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And we have left undone those deeds of lovingkindness and godly justice that you want us to pursue in your name. Bring your Spirit upon us in a gracious, healing way. Make us agents of reconciliation as we live within your holy presence. Amen.

TUNE: BEECHER

*Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Philippians 2: 12 – 24

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Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Look at the World"
(Beverly Merritt, Sharon Dailey, Jay Parsons, and Ed Merritt)

Rutter

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

*In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*Join hands, united in the faith, whate'er your race may be!
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find,
His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north,
All Christ-like souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.*

TEXT FOR THE DAY

2nd Timothy 1: 1 – 14

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

“Timothy”

SILENT REFLECTION

INTERLUDE

“God Cares Medley”

S. Wilkinson

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

WORSHIP BY GIVING

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CONCERNS AND JOYS FOR THE COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray together for the grace that we need, saying:
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
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Dear God, as we your people gather in every time and place around this wondrous earth, may we be strengthened by our awareness of one another and united by our mutual prayers.

Hear us and help us all, we pray.

We thank you, gracious God, for establishing the church as a single body of interdependent members, each having a place and purpose.

**We know that we need each other,
and are called to appreciate the great variety of gifts you have given us to use.**

May the variety of traditions and customs of your whole church become a multitude of lights to reveal the good news needed by people everywhere.

May the variety of our ministries and service convey your redemptive love and bind us ever closer to one another.

**Grant us grace to unite in essentials,
to accept diversity in non-essentials,
and to love one another in all things.**

Help us to rejoice with those who are feeling joy and delight.
Help us to sing with those who are singing your love and praise.

Help us to taste the agony of those who are hurting.
Help us to share the burden of those who are in distress.

Take away jealousy and resentment from our hearts when we see others achieving success.
**Fill us with that spirit of unity in Christ that lets us see and feel and know
that we all belong to you through the grace we have received.**

O God, teach us to know and love the world-wide church called out of all peoples and nations. Make visible the unity that you desire as we express a spirit of reconciliation in all our relationships. Show us that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witness and service. Lead us to appreciate the richness of our diversity and your creative power at work in our various traditions and customs.

Make us all one with you by the inspiration and guidance of your Spirit.
**Lead us into lives worthy of our calling in Christ, with all lowliness, meekness, and patience,
bearing with one another in love,
and eager to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.
We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”
*Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.*

FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, in love may dwell with Thee.

SPOKEN BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"An Irish Blessing"

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POSTLUDE

"When We All Get to Heaven"

J. Campbell

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Watchword Text for the Year

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people,
may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. II Corinthians 4:15

In essentials **UNITY**, in non-essentials, **LIBERTY**, in all things, **LOVE!**

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