

Unity Moravian Church
September 6, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY

Emmanuel

[Dana Myers](#)

May this eternal truth be always on our hearts:
That the God who loved this world into being
Placed stars into the heavens and designed a butterfly's wing
Is the God who entrusted his life to the care of ordinary people,
the God who became vulnerable
that we might know how much faith God has in the power of Love

A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp
A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore

Hymn 263

ELLACOMBE

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.*

We dream God's dream, of a world at peace
Where enemies are reconciled, and children play in safety;
Where the poor and powerless find justice.

Let us pray for the Spirit of Wisdom to rest upon us
A spirit of understanding and knowledge

Let us pray, for voices crying out in the wildernesses of our world:
Women living in fear, children abused, victims of war, refugees who have lost everything
Grant all a place of harmony

Hymn

*He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.*

Let us pray, repent of harm done to the innocent:
Clear our lives of hatred and despair,

sow seeds of joy and peace,
**that shoots of hope may spring forth
and we may live in harmony with one another.**

Hymn

*He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.*

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Luke 1: 1 – 4

Dana Myers

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

**Frank Wonsavage
(Pennywhistle)**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dana Myers

HYMN 625

“I Love to Tell the Story”

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do*

*Refrain: I love to tell the story, I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love*

*I love to tell the story for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long*

*Refrain: I love to tell the story, I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love*

TEXT FOR THE DAY [Luke 2: 21 -24 and 39 – 40](#)

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY [“Luke’s Gospel part 1”](#)

SILENT REFLECTION

INTERLUDE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

WORSHIP BY GIVING

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CONCERNS AND JOYS FOR THE COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

PRAYER RESPONSE *“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”*

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia*

FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

HYMN 306

“From Heaven High I Come to You”

1. From heaven high I come to you; I bring you tidings glad and new.
Such joyous tidings do I bring to all the world and gladly sing.
2. To you this day is born a child: born of a maiden mother mild,
a child so gentle and so rare, who brings you joy without compare.
3. Now Christ, the Lord our God, is born! As solace to a world forlorn,
he comes as Savior, peace to win, and he will cleanse you from all sin.
4. All praise to God in heaven above, who gives his Son to us in love;
let us with angel choirs rejoice and greet his birth with happy voice!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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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