

Unity Moravian Church
July 25, 2021
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Watchword for the Week: The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds. Psalm 145:13

Gathering for Worship

Prelude *Awesome and Exalted* arr. M. Ham
Donna Shore

Welcome Rev. Joe Moore

Call to Worship

Offering Our Prayers and Praises

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, creator of all things visible and invisible,
powerful beyond measure, good beyond all understanding.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn # 457

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, you rule day and night;
your justice like mountains high soaring above
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

Lord, our God, you bring forth and nourish every living being.

We lift up our hearts to you.

We assemble here celebrating the joys of human life, shared one with the other. We recall the ministry of Jesus, crucified and raised up for our salvation, still present among us through the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

We praise you for new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of Confession and Intercession

(Sitting.)

Confessing that we have strayed from your holy will, we humbly acknowledge our sins before you.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in many ways, times, and places. We have mishandled the good earth entrusted to our care, and we have misused our personal gifts, hurting both ourselves and others. Forgive our false pride which hides our negligence, and forgive our careless acts which destroy your handiwork. In your mercy correct our faults and restore us to responsible, compassionate living.

SILENT CONFESSION

Hear and know that the Lord is good. God forgives those who are contrite in heart. Live in peace, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Amen.

As we gather as the people of God at Unity Moravian, we remember those members of our church family and our friends who need our prayers: Jere Dailey, Beth Basta, Jayne Parks, Don Matney, and Lou Utt.

SILENT PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to make our common confession and intercession to you, and you have promised through your Son that where two or three are gathered in your name you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us be grateful for all that God has provided.

Inspire us, God of mercy, to be thankful for what we have received.

Let our lives resound with the wonder and beauty of all that God has been creating from the beginning. As caretakers of creation, may we learn anew to enjoy the land, preserve the water, respect all living creatures, and meditate upon the grandeur of open sky and sea.

Teach us, God of creation, to walk the earth with gratitude and wisdom.

Let our eyes be open to the needs of all people, especially the poor.

Move us, God of justice, to share what we have and to be just and merciful in our nation and the world.

Let us hear God's call to the urgent tasks of our time: studies to pursue, projects to begin, communities to build, individuals to support, damages to restore.

Use us, God of the covenant. Use our time, our talent, our treasure.

Hymn

457

*Life-giving Creator of both great and small;
of all life the maker, the true life of all;
we blossom, then wither like leaves on the tree,
but you live forever who was and will be.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O lead us to see
the light of your splendor, your love's majesty.*

Responding to God's Love and Mercy

Children's Time

Worship by Learning and Serving

Worship by Giving

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:7-8

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Offertory

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace
Jay Parsons and Wayne Yancey

Roberson

Sharing God's Word

Scripture

Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6: 1-21

Rev. Joe Moore

Sermon

Going Forth to Share God's Love and Grace

Our Creator God calls us to become the servant body of Christ, ministering to the world, and grants us the blessings of membership in the holy, universal church.

We thank you for our place in the church.

The Spirit of the Lord fills this house. God delights in its beauty, and sings through the music of the faithful. God speaks by the reading and proclamation of the word, stirs in the waters of baptism, nourishes through the gifts of bread and wine. God hears the prayers of the people and rejoices in our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We thank you for your presence and power among us.

The Lord gathers us into the fellowship of this congregation. Here we share our spiritual gifts and employ them to build up the body. Some of us teach and proclaim, some shepherd and heal, some lead and administer, some serve, prophesy, and evangelize. All of dwell in God's love, and all pray for one another in the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer our gifts to honor your holy name and to strengthen one another in faith.

Jesus leads us onward in the high mission of the church. We proclaim the gospel to all nations by word and deed, that people everywhere may find new life in God.

We hear your call. We pledge the best of our labors that your glory may be known in all the earth.

Let us now rise to serve God. Let us renew our commitment to Christ's call for servanthood, obedience, and sacrifice to establish a world of justice, prosperity, and peace.

We rise as one to love and serve the Lord!

(Standing.)

Hymn

#625

*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 it's true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would 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; how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. [Refrain]*

*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]*

Benediction

May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts—

May the deeds of our hands and the action of our lives—

Be pleasing in your sight, O God our Creator.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit,

One God of all, world without end. Amen.

Postlude

Toccata
Donna Shore

G. Young

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