

Unity Moravian Church
August 9, 2020
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Celebrating the August Thirteenth 1727 Moravian Renewal

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY AUGUST THIRTEEN 1727 MORAVIAN RENEWAL COMMEMORATION [Dana Myers](#)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits,

Who forgives your iniquity, who heals your diseases,
Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

HYMN 461

Tune: ST. ANNE

Words: Isaac Watts

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*

*Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Remain our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

The Holy Spirit led some Moravian families fleeing persecution in Bohemia and Moravia find refuge with a pietist nobleman in Saxony, Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf's estate in 1722 and built the community of Herrnhut.

Then God's people remembered the days of old, of Moses, and they asked:
**Where is our God who put His Holy Spirit in the midst of them, who caused His glorious arm to go
at the right hand of Moses,**

Who divided the waters before them to make for Himself an everlasting name,
who led them through the wilderness, and they did not stumble;
The Spirit of the Lord gave them rest.

So, Great God, You led Your people,
To make for Yourself a glorious name. (Isaiah 63:11-14)

HYMN 522

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN Words: John Newton (1779)

*Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God!
He, whose Word cannot be broken, formed you for His own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all thy foes.*

Count Zinzendorf encouraged them to keep the discipline of the Unitas Fratrum,
and he gave them the vision to take the gospel to the far corners of the globe.
August 13, 1727, marked the culmination of a great spiritual renewal for the Moravian Church in
Herrnhut, and in 1732 the first missionaries were sent to the West Indies,
and then hundreds more throughout the world.

Then Jesus came to them and said:
**“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And know that I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”** (Matthew 28: 18 – 20)

HYMN 543

Tune: BECHLER Words: John Swertner (1789)

*Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice;
Exalt our God with one accord, and in His Name rejoice.
Ne'er cease to sing, thou ransomed host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Until in realms of endless light your praises shall unite.*

*There we to all eternity shall join the angelic lays
And sing in perfect harmony to God our Savior's praise;
He hath redeemed us by His blood, and made us kings and priests to God,
for us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! Amen.*

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Matthew 27: 45 – 54

Dana Myers

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Two Fishermen”
(Dennis Fort, Barry Foster, Donna Shore)

Toolan

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Shirley Yoder

HYMN 401

“Heart with Loving Heart United”

Zinzendorf

*Heart with loving heart united, met to know God's holy will.
Let his love in us ignited more and more our spirits fill.
He, the Head, we are his members; we reflect the light he is.
He the Master, we disciples, he is ours and we are his.*

*Since, O Lord, you have demanded that our lives your love should show
So, we wait to be commanded forth into your world to go.
Kindle in us love's compassion so that everyone may see
In our faith and hope the promise of a new humanity.*

TEXT FOR THE DAY

[Matthew 27: 62 – 66](#)

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

[“Matthew's Gospel part 2”](#)

SILENT REFLECTION

INTERLUDE

“I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger”

arr. R. Hughes

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

WORSHIP BY GIVING

[For online giving: You may use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal available to us at <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>
Or, as always, you may send a check via U.S. Mail to the church]

CONCERNS AND JOYS FOR THE COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

**God of mercy, as we mark this moment,
we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions:
Our broken vows, our slackness and misuse of time and opportunity,
Our selfishness and our love of ease, our unkindness and indifference,
Our self-indulgence and our pleasures taken at the expense of others,
Our moments when we have not been true to ourselves,
Our lack of faith in your providence.
For these sins of commission and omission, have mercy upon us.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we remember in your presence our losses and griefs, our hopes and treasures which this year's pandemic has carried away – the disappointments we have known, the friends who are no longer with us and whose steps we shall hear no more. We pray for grace to cherish the spirit which brings good out of evil, and which prevents adversities and sorrows from embittering our hearts. Give us comfort and a deep sense of your goodness in every circumstance of life; and when, despite our good intentions, we fail, O God, be our strength and stay.

Let us give thanks for all God's mercies:
**For your grace given to us in days that are gone,
For the blessings of life, seen and unseen,
We give you thanks, gracious God.**

For the sacraments of love and service which have made us aware of your presence in our common life,
**For the deeds we have been able to accomplish in the strength which you supply,
For the kindness of associates, the love of friends, and the fellowship of kindred souls,
We give you thanks, loving God.**

For the disciplines which have enriched our living,
**For your wisdom and gracious providence
which we have recognized when you have denied our foolish requests,
For the faith which has guided us in days of trial,
We give you thanks, gracious God.**

God will supply every need of ours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Lord, Speak to Me”

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.*

O use me, lord, us even me, just as you will, and when, and where,
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

HYMN 608

“O Jesus, My Lord”

Zinzendorf

O Jesus my Lord, forever adored, my portion, my all
At your holy feet humbly pleading I fall.

Make me your abode, a temple of God, a vessel of grace,
prepared for your service and formed to your praise.

The Covenant is made with you as my Head; Lord grant my request,
To love and to serve you till with you I rest.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. G. Young

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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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