

# Unity Moravian Church

August 2, 2020

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

## THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

arr. M. Ham

## HEARING GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY

COVENANT

Dana Myers

The day is coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt – the covenant which they broke, even though I loved them....” (Jer. 31:31-32)

Great God of the Past and Future, out of your deep love for this Earth,  
You made a covenant with Noah and his family after the flood by putting a rainbow in the sky;

**symbolizing your promise of love and blessing to every living creature,  
and to all successive generations.**

Because you love what you’ve created, you made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah, blessing them and their descendants throughout the generations.

**Your abiding love made a covenant with Moses and the Israelite people to all generations,  
giving them the laws to live in community, welcoming the stranger,  
and providing for the poor and weak among them.**

HYMN

“God of the Sparrow”

God of the sparrow, God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

God of the hungry, God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

In your love, you sent us Jesus, who invite us to enter into a new covenant, in communion with all who seek to be faithful to you.

**Today we join in this loving covenant.  
Your covenant of faithfulness and love extends to the whole creation.**

“But this is the new covenant that I will make with my people on that day,” says the LORD. “I will put my instructions deep within them – I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” (Jer. 31:33)

HYMN

God of the rainbow, God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the neighbor, God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

In the colors of the rainbow, in the tablets of stone, in the love shared by Christ, and in the healing power of love shown in the lives of the faithful in every generation, we see and experience this powerful covenant gifted to us by God.

**A promise is about the future, while a fact is about the past. Our covenant with God and each other is about loving today. This love fully trusts, fully accepts, fully gives, and fully forgives—this love brings life to the dead.**

“No longer will they need to teach their neighbors, or their relatives, saying, ‘You should know the LORD.’ For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already....” (Jer. 31:34)

HYMN  
God of the ages, God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

[Matthew 17: 1 – 13](#)

[Dana Myers](#)

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

**ANTHEM**

**“Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?”**

**Unity Choir (video)**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**Allen Yoder**

HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*The night becomes as day when from the heart we say:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The pow'rs of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let earth, and sea, and sky from depth to height reply,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine, my song of love divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Sing this eternal song through all the ages long:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

TEXT FOR THE DAY

[Matthew 5: 17 – 20](#)

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

[“Matthew's Gospel part 1”](#)

SILENT REFLECTION

INTERLUDE

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

arr. J. Mansfield

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

### WORSHIP BY GIVING

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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

### 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

“He Leadeth Me”

*He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

*Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.*

*Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
By waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.*

*(Refrain)*

*And when my task on earth is done, when by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.*

*(Refrain)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“O God, Our Help In Ages Past”

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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