

Unity Moravian Church
August 23, 2020
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come and Fill This Place”

Helming

Reserved Parking

*Come and fill this place come and fill this place
As we sing Your praise come and fill this place*

*Move among us now move among us now
As we sing Your praise move among us now*

*Let Your kingdom come let Your will be done
Here in this place as it is in heaven*

*Let Your healing flow let Your healing flow
As we sing Your praise let Your healing flow*

*Come revive us now come revive us now
As we sing Your praise come revive us now*

-CCLI Song # 2035879

HEARING GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY

Overcoming Fear

God of justice and mercy, love and grace, life in shalom, we confess that we are often overcome by the loud and persistent voices of fear and anger. We do not hear the voice of Jesus, which often seems but a whisper.

Jesus said: “If you, then, as stubborn humans, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!” (Matthew 7: 11)

HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Text: Georg Christian Neumark 1641

Tune: Georg Christian Neumark 1657

1. *If you but trust in God to guide you, and place your confidence in him,
You'll find him always there beside you to give you hope and strength within;
for those who trust God's changeless love build on the Rock that will not move.*

Fear says: "I am stalking you and will not rest until you are broken. I am the reason you worry. It doesn't matter what you are worried about, because I just want you to succumb to me."

Jesus said: "...indeed, your Heavenly Father knows what you need to live. So, strive for the kingdom of God and God's righteous intent for you, and all that you need will be provided. So, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's challenges are enough for today." (Matthew 6: 32 – 34)

HYMN

2. *Only be still, and wait His leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content.
He fills your needs to fullest measure with what discerning love has sent;
doubt not your inmost wants are known to Him who chose us for His own.*

When we lack the courage to seek your way, O God, when fear and anger overwhelm our faith, encourage and embolden us. Help us remember your people of old and how they put their trust in you. Give us this same faith. This faith that trusts that the fear we have at this time in our world, will not be our end. You, O God, will see us through.

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday. Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not end your life with God. (Psalm 91:1-7)

3. *Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully;
and trust his word, though undeserving, you'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in Him indeed.*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rachel Yancey

HYMN 550

“To God Be the Glory”

Crosby

1. *To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.*

2. *Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)*
3. *Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)*

TEXT FOR THE DAY

Mark 16: 1 – 8

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

“Mark’s Gospel part 2”

SILENT REFLECTION

In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand*

*There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand*
-CCLI Song # 3350395

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

“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

“Trading My Sorrows”

Evans

*I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord (x3)
Amen*

*I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning*

-CCLI Song # 2574653

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

arr. R. Hughes

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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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