

Unity Moravian Church
July 5, 2020
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Jan Hus Commemoration Sunday

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” B. Compton

HEARING GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY “Holiness” Dana Myers

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge God, and the Lord will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3: 5 – 6)

Being holy starts with being ourselves, first. Before many of us can accept this truth, we may find ourselves trying to be someone who we are not, based on another person's interpretation of holiness. And, once we finally set aside the notion that we're supposed to be someone else, it's a long process discovering who we really are.

Let’s not sit on our hands! No more dragging our feet! Clear the path for long-distance runners so no one will trip and fall, so no one will step in a hole and become injured. Let’s help each other out. And go for it! Pursue peace with everyone, and obtain the holiness that is needed for others to see the Lord. Make sure that no one fails to receive the grace of God. (Hebrews 12: 12 – 15a)

Sanctification starts in my heart and mind. It begins with my willingness to submit to the Spirit. Every time I choose humility over pride; every time I choose to stand for the truth and not deception; every time I choose not to sin, I am choosing holiness.

HYMN “Just As I Am” Songbook 44

1. *Just as I am , without one plea but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you call me, even me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

2. *Just as I am, weak flesh and mind; sometimes my soul to you is blind,
but now, this day, I search, I find. O Jesus, Friend, I come, I come.*

3. *Just as I am, my wants delayed; I've claimed your Word, I've worked, I've prayed.
As life unfolds my faith displayed, O Jesus, Lord, I come, I come.*

Holiness is belonging to or coming from God; it is understanding that we are hallowed, consecrated; created to be set apart for sacred use.

**“Holy” can also be seen as “Wholly” and we, the sinners,
cannot become whole without Jesus in our lives.**

The beginning of sanctity is loving yourself as a creation of God. And that means *all* of yourself, even the parts of you that you wish weren't there, the parts of you that you wish God hadn't made, the parts of you that you lament.

God loves us like a parent loves a child—often more for the parts of the child that are weaker or where the child struggles or falters. More often than not, those very weaknesses are the most important paths to holiness, because they remind us of our reliance on God.

Jesus said, “You have heard it said to love you friends and hate your enemies. But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you. Then you will be acting like your Father in heaven. God makes the sun rise on both good and bad people. God sends rain for the ones who do right and for the ones who do wrong. If you love only those people who love you, will God reward you for that? Even tax collectors love their friends. If you greet only your friends, what’s so great about that? Don’t even unbelievers do that? So, be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
(Matthew 5: 44 – 48)

HYMN

“Just As I Am”

Songbook 44

4. *Just as I am, transformed by love to know the truth that dwells above.
Descend to me, O heav’nly dove. O Spirit Holy, I come, I come.*

5. *Just as I am, this joyful day, I choose today to walk the Way.
O let me always near you stay, O God of all, I come, I come.*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Wonsavage

SONG OF FAITH

**“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”
(Maynard Surratt)**

Lemmel

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD

Galatians 1: 6 – 24

Dana Myers

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 751

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

1. *God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown the ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

2. *Lo! the hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to love and praise.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

3. *Cure your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

4. *Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

TEXT FOR THE DAY

Galatians 2: 1 – 10

(For all who are able, please remain standing for the reading of the text)

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

“Paul”

SILENT REFLECTION

INTERLUDE

“A Child of the King”

J. Bennett

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

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

*Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.*

FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

HYMN 507

“God Has Spoken By His Prophets”

EBENEZER

- 1. God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word
Each from age to age proclaiming God the One, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast
God is king, his throne eternal God the first, and God the last*
- 2. God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to the hearts of all
In the ageless Word expounding God's own message for us all
Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast
God abides, his Word unchanging God the first and God the last*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

M. Reger

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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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