

Unity Moravian Church
June 14, 2020
Second Sunday After Pentecost

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. D. Hustad

HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY

RECONCILIATION

HYMN

TUNE: LANCASHIRE

*With joyfulness and longing we look to you, O Lord;
Receive us in your mercy, and cheer us with your word.
Crown us with love enduring and promises of grace,
And let your holy blessing remain within this place.*

*The years have all been crowded with tokens of your love;
And many who have sought you now worship you above.
But we, O Lord, still need you our pilgrim feet to stay,
For evil often triumphs as faith to fear gives way.*

Almighty God, enthroned above all, you alone are God over the nations of the earth.
Even the planets, the stars, and the galaxies are placed by your hand.

**Where could we go from your Spirit?
Where could we flee from your presence?
If we go up to the heavens, you are there;
if we go down into the caves of the earth or the depths of the sea, you are there.**

God of all creation, we sing praises to your name;
we stand jubilant before your glory, power, and beauty.
God of certainty, God of truth, our confidence is in you and in you alone.

Yet we live in a fallen world and we are an imperfect people.
Our world is filled with pain and alienation.

We know of illness when body or mind is failing, and the loneliness of spirit it brings.

**We know of separation from parent or child,
from friend or neighbor, and the emptiness of life it brings.**

We know of strangeness in new communities and in changing communities,
and the longing it brings.

**We know of alienation caused by unemployment or poverty or discrimination,
and the pain it brings.**

We have become strangers to our relatives, and foreigners to our own families.
How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? Let our cry for help come to you.

I am a God nearby, says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? I am the Lord your God.
I have called you out from the peoples and you shall be holy to me.

**We declare your praise, the One who called us out of darkness into your wonderful light.
We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to you.**

HYMN

TUNE: MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills.
To God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing,
As with a mother's tender hand, he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!*

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

[Acts 4: 31 – 37](#)

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

Song of Faith

Frank Wonsavage, pennywhistle

TEXT FOR THE DAY

[Acts 11: 19 – 26](#)

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

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

[“Barnabas”](#)

SILENT REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

WORSHIP BY GIVING

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CONCERNS AND JOYS FOR THE COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Come, let us join our hearts in prayer to our loving and forgiving God...

Gracious God, we humbly confess that we walk in the way of the indifferent, who depend on their strength alone. We sit among the scornful, who deny the need for your guidance and power. Our hearts are not satisfied with riches vulnerable to moth and rust and thief, yet we zealously store up those very treasures. Set our minds on things unseen and eternal, that our emptiness within may be filled.

We humbly confess that we fail to welcome the stranger among us. We pass by the neighbor who is hungry and thirsty, naked, sick, and in prison. We sing of your healing power and your unconditional love, but we fail to make our sanctuaries true havens for the suffering and the exiled. Give us the will to be ambassadors for our Savior and faithful stewards of the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Amen.

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

INTRODUCTION OF DANA MYERS

Randy Nofle, Chair of Personnel Committee

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

HYMN 784

“This is a Day of New Beginnings”

Brian Wren

*This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember, and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference as faith and hope are born again.*

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past, and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

*Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus, How I Trust Him

arr. M. Sharp

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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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