

Unity Moravian Church
June 21, 2020
Third Sunday After Pentecost
Father's Day

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

God of Grace

arr. P. Manz

HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY

CHRISTIAN HOMES

Dana Myers

HYMN 456

This Is My Father's World

1. *This is my Father's world and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise!
The morning light, the lily white declare their maker's praise!*

Eternal God, Creator of our first home, and our only true rest, we gather as your family to celebrate our diverse homes, and to seek your blessings on them. God of relationships, you have put within our hearts a longing that only you can satisfy. Yet we need each other to learn of your steadfast love throughout all generations.

Open our hearts, that we may learn from our biblical heritage how to manifest your love.

God our Creator, in the garden you formed our first parents, and found them good. At first in their innocence, they trusted you and helped each other, but they sinned and fell short of your purposes for them.

Forgive us our sins and give us grace to trust you in the goodness of your creation and your design.

2. *This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.
This is my Father's world, Oh, let me never forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the ruler yet.*

You called Sarah and Abraham to go out from their homeland and begin a new nation in covenant with you. In their old age, you gave them a child whose name meant laughter. In our homes, may we live with their trust and courage, their humor, their sense of mission.

Increase our faith and give us grace to answer your call.

You strengthened Ruth and Naomi, in the face of grief and bitterness, to remain loyal to each other and to journey to new life.

Encourage us and give us grace to support each other.

When you came to earth, Incarnate God, you had no place to lay your head. God of the stable, bless the homeless, and bring them to a place of shelter.

Keep us aware and give us grace to be family to others.

Rejoicing Savior, you sanctified marriage by your presence at Cana in Galilee. You restored life and health and balance in the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Be a holy guest within our homes, filling our ordinary days with newness of life and mutual joy.

Grant us the grace to recognize you as the Christ among us, and to be open to your miracles of change.

3. *This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass, I hear him pass He speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring! God reigns, let the earth be glad!*

Suffering God, from the cross you cared for your loved ones, saying to Mary: Woman, behold your son! and to the disciple: Behold your mother! And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. Bless all families and enable them to form new bonds of love.

Comfort us in our brokenness and give us grace to claim our relationship as your children.

Life-giving Spirit, you came in power to form and guide the church, a family with varied gifts and graces. Grant that church and home may model for each other the nurturing of individuals and the growth of community. We recognize the difficulty of forming family with those who are different from ourselves, and with those who are like ourselves. We confess our failure to love and grow, our impatience for others to change, our blindness to one another's needs. Yet we rejoice that you have given us each other, and we dedicate ourselves to mutual support and love, trusting not in our own strength, but in your strong compassion.

Bless and guide us, triune God, and enable us to support and love each other.

HYMN 674

Renew Us All, O Lord

FESTAL SONG
Text: Michael Gilligan

1. *Renew us all, O Lord; renew us, heart and soul.
Now heal our anger, hurt, and pain; now make the wounded whole.*

2. *Renew our family life, the ties of love that bind.
We, married, single, young and old, what treasured trust will find.*

3. *Renew this world you made, our study, work and rest.
In Christ your Son, we rise restored; in him, our homes are blessed.*

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Acts 16: 16 – 24

Dana Myers

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Linn Parsons

ANTHEM

“House on the Rock”

Children's Video

TEXT FOR THE DAY

Acts 16: 25– 40

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

“Silas”

SILENT REFLECTION

INTERLUDE

It Is Well With My Soul

arr. P. Bruce/E. Hines

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

“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 674

Renew Us All, O Lord

4. Renew us, as of old; restore the joy of youth,
so soon we’ll spread your great, good news, your ancient, timeless truth.

5. Renew your church in faith, your city, ruled by you.
Fulfill our hope; revive our love; O Lord, make all things new!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Am His and He Is Mine

arr. T. Berdos

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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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