

Unity Moravian Church

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

THE CONGREGATION PREPARES FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Trusting Jesus

arr. Ham

HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY

The Household of Faith

Dear sisters and brothers, as we work together with Christ, we urge you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For our heavenly Father says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! (2 Cor. 6: 1 – 2)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is the right way to live.

"Honor your father and mother," this is the first commandment with a promise: "so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Eph. 6: 1 – 4)

A household is more than a family unit... it is the people who live together in one space collectively. In God's household, there is room for diversity.

In the household of God, there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3: 28)

HYMN 675

What Brought Us Together

Text: Ludolph Ernst Schlicht (1744)

Tune: CONFESSION

- 1) What brought us together, what joined our hearts?
The pardon which Jesus, our High Priest imparts;
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. (Gal. 3: 14 – 15)

Sisters and brothers, we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

'I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

I will be your father, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.' (2 Cor. 6: 16, 18)

The household of faith consists of all those whose faith is in Jesus Christ, all those who have believed the gospel. From the book of Revelation, we see that the household of faith will ultimately consist of people from every language, every culture, and every nation on earth that has ever existed.

So, with the vast majority of believers, we may have many things in common, but the one thing we all have in common is faith that God, the Father of the Universe, let us know how much he loved us in the presence of Jesus Christ.

- 2) Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,
In peace in blessed union our moments to spend
And live in communion with Jesus our Friend?

So, now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God. (Eph 2: 13 – 22)

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. (Gal. 6:10)

- 3) O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,
He is our chief object by day and by night;
this knits us together; no longer we roam;
We all have one Father, and heav'n is our home.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Psalm 119: 1 – 3, 17 – 18, 35 – 40

Lector: This is the Word of God for the People of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Peace Like A River”

Children’s Choir Video

HYMN 538

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Text: F. S. Pierpoint

Tune: DIX

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled,
Lord of all, to thee we raise yhis our grateful hymn of praise.

For thy Church which evermore lifts its holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our grateful hymn of praise.

TEXT FOR THE DAY

Matthew 9: 35 – 38 and 10: 1 – 4

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

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

“Legacies of the Disciples:

Judas (not Iscariot), Bartholomew (Nathaniel) and Matthew”

SILENT REFLECTION

INTERLUDE

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

arr. M. Bober

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

“Loving Spirit”

Text: Shirley Erena Murray

Tune: RESTORATION

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be --
You have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother, you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
Feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be --
You have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

HYMN

“Tis a Pleasant Thing to See”

Text: Henry F. Lyte

Tune: RATISBON

*‘Tis a pleasant thing to see brothers in the Lord agree
Sisters of a God of love live as they shall live above,
Acting each a Christian part, one in word and one in heart.*

*Where divine affection lives, there the Lord his blessing gives;
There his will on earth is done; there his heav’n is half begun.
Great example from above, teach us all like you to love.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on MARYTON

arr. D. Mitchell

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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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