

Unity Moravian Church
May 3, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

(arr. M. Ham)

HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY

“Disciples of Jesus Christ”

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear like before. (Rom 8:14-15a)

**Where we are led by worldly impulses we become slaves again and our way of being is guided by fear.
So let us pray that we will receive the fruits of the Spirit which will lead us to meaningful discipleship.**

O God, where we are guided by prejudice,
Fill us with love.

Where we are guided by pessimism,
Fill us with joy.

Where we are guided by misunderstanding,
Fill us with peace.

Where we are guided by superficial quick-fixes,
Fill us with patience.

Where we are guided by self-interest,
Fill us with kindness.

Where we are guided by apathy,
Fill us with goodness.

Where we are guided by complacency,
Fill us with faithfulness.

Where we are guided by competition,
Fill us with meekness.

Where we are guided by temptation,
Fill us with self-control.

1. *In essentials let us be united, joining in God's sovereign truth,
That our Father is the Lord Almighty, maker of the heav'ns and earth;
That God sacrificed his son, Christ Jesus, who became for us salvation wondrous;
That the Holy Spirit lives in each heart that does believe.*

“Solidarity in discipleship is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.

“ (Polish born, Pope John Paul II, *Sollicituo Rei Socialis*, #38)

We are called to solidarity as Christ's disciples, to build a new creation.

In all holiness we are called to create a just society which allows for the human dignity of all;
A culture and society which provides life, food, and freedom for people to walk in their own land.

2. *In the non-essentials of church doctrine let us open-minded be,
Showing kindness, mercy understanding, and respect diversity;
Let us practice tolerance and goodness, walk in love and be our Savior's witness;
For we are God's family even though we diff'rent be.*

God of all, help us to recognize all of our sisters and brothers in the global community.
Open our hearts to them, that we might live in solidarity with this extended family.

God of justice and peace, help us to be committed to change unjust structures
and to be peacemakers and life-givers in a suffering world.

Empower us to be Christ's disciples, not only in word, but also in compassionate action.

Give us the courage to work for truth and to prayerfully and patiently call for transformation.

**May our world receive with joy, the good news of Christ's love,
through the power of Christian faith, hope and love.**

3. *In all things our Father, Lord and Savior, teaches us the law of love;
Then let love determine our behavior, for 'tis God's command to all;
May this motto live in all God's children as we strive to follow love's direction;
May God bless us as we show charity in all we do.*

ANTHEM

“Jesus is the Light of the World”
Unity Moravian Choir

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Luke 6: 12 – 16

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 627 (stanzas 1 & 4) “Called by Christ to Love Each Other”

1. Called by Christ to love each other, called by Christ to seek the lost, may we each, as sister, brother, follow Christ, not counting cost. One in daring, one in sharing, follow Christ, not counting cost. One in daring, one in sharing, follow Christ, not counting cost.
4. Called by Christ as friends and learners, called by Christ for peace on earth, in this world as Christ’s sojourners we receive new power, new birth. As we’re praising (how amazing!) we receive new power, new birth. As we’re praising (how amazing!) we receive new power, new birth.

TEXT FOR THE DAY Luke 9: 1 – 6

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY “Legacies of the Disciples: Judas Iscariot, Thomas, Simon the Zealot”

SILENT REFLECTION

INTERLUDE *We Shall Walk Through the Valley* (M. Sharp)

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” Hymnal 825

*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 696 (stanzas 1 & 4) "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

1. Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.
4. May we in service to our God act out of living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Here I Am, Lord* (arr. M. Hayes)

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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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