

# Unity Moravian Church

November 8, 2020

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

## THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace”

arr. D. Kartsonakis

## HEARING GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY

A Liturgy of Compassion  
by Rev. Rick Beck

Dana Myers

God hears the cry of the needy and does not wait for us to call before coming to our aid;  
**While humanity was still lost in its brokenness, God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ, lived among us, died our death and rose to lead us into life.**

And so we come to worship, to offer God our devotion and love, our thanksgiving and praise.  
**For God is worthy of our praise.**

Holy One, you are a God of compassion. You desire that all might be whole.  
**In the brokenness of our lives you continue to turn toward us with the hope that we will accept your renewing love and find new meaning for our lives in you.**

HYMN 401

“Heart with Loving Heart United”

Zinzendorf  
Tune: CASSEL

- Heart with loving heart united, met to know God’s holy will.  
Let his love in us ignited more and more our spirits fill.  
He, the Head, we are his members; we reflect the light he is.  
He the Master, we disciples, he is ours and we are his.*

You have established compassion as the foundation for all relationships and societies.  
**You commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to treat others in the same manner that we ourselves wish to be treated.**

Yet at times we find ourselves preoccupied with our own self-interests at the expense of helping others.

**Teach us to love ourselves in a way that embraces others also. Give us courage to make room at the center of our world where others might be renewed by your healing presence.**

Fill us with your spirit of compassion, Lord, that we might not act or speak out of our own self interests.

**Fill us with the desire to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures. Heal our hearts that we might refrain from acting in ways that will cause pain.**

2. *May we all so love each other and all selfish claims deny,  
so that each one for the other will not hesitate to die.  
Even so our Lord has loved us; for our lives he gave his life.  
Still he grieves and still he suffers, for our selfishness and strife.*

Open the hearts of all people to the profound truth of Jesus Christ.

**Call all nations to repent from any action that would increase the sum of human misery in the name of religion. Replace the apathy and selfishness of the world with passion to cultivate empathy with the suffering of all human beings.**

Lord, redeem us from actions that deny our common humanity.

**We desire peace over war, generosity over greed, patience over intolerance, compassion over callous judgment.**

At the root of God's compassion is the sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are each in need of Christ's compassion.

**Gratitude is our true response to God who calls us to be Christ's compassion in the world.**

Jesus, in extravagant compassion, has already revealed our forgiveness and calls us to live as those who are renewed and thankful. Receive this grace and share it.

**We are grateful; we live differently because of what you, Lord Jesus, have done for us.**

3. *Since, O Lord, you have demanded that our lives your love should show  
So, we wait to be commanded forth into your world to go.  
Kindle in us love's compassion so that everyone may see  
In our faith and hope the promise of a new humanity.*

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 6: 8 – 14

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Handbell Anthem**

"Aubade"  
(Audio/Video of Handbell Ensemble)

by J. Patterson

HYMN

"Make the Lord's Love Known"

Songbook 73

1. *Called together as God's people, finding life we'd just dreamed of,  
we are gathered, growing, learning all the wonders of God's love.  
We have found acceptance, meaning; it's no secret we have grown.  
But we can't withhold or hoard it; we must make the Lord's love known.*
2. *Make it known to folks among us. Do it now, this very hour!  
Let us listen, love and serve them, acting in the Spirit's power.  
Make it known to those outside us, where the seed of faith is sown.  
We will pray and work together as we make the Lord's love known.*

Scripture Text for the Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 6: 15 – 23

MESSAGE

"God Is Doing a New Thing"

SILENT REFLECTION

INTERLUDE

"Consecration Medley"

arr. V. Labenske

**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 494

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

1. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love the world you love, and do what you would do.*

2. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I live your will, to do and to endure.*

**FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

HYMN 194

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

ASH GROVE

*Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.*

*The service is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.*

*The seed of His teaching our inner souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.*

*His grace did invite us, his love shall unite us  
to work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“O God, Our Help In Ages Past”

arr. J. Archer

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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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