

* Congregation please stand as you are able.

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Presiding today: Noreen Ueberer



Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Prelude/Centering Time

Call to Worship:

***Hymn: "Let Us Build a House" MV1**

Opening Prayer (Responsive):

Holy God, we are here because we wish
to make a start to a week that will be centred in you.

Let the prayer, the scripture, and the hymns
nourish our souls and prepare us for our week.

We wish to savour in our hearts this feeling of worshipful living,
making it easier to find it amidst the tasks of daily life.

We hope to store your wisdom in our minds,
so that it informs our words and actions in the days to come.

And we look forward to going from here
**to enjoy living in the midst of your abundant grace, recommitted to
being messengers of your love.**

We are grateful that we always carry with us
**bread for the journey in the words that Jesus gave us to pray, "Our
Father..."**.

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

**God of All, we pray you forgive us when we distance ourselves from
others – when we separate ourselves into "us" and "them." Help us open
our hearts and lives to Jesus' command to love each other as ourselves.
Forgive us when we fail to live this love, out in the world as well as in our
own homes and communities. Restore us all into a community of
wholeness and grace. Amen.**

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Word of Assurance:

God is extravagantly merciful and always ready to forgive. All we have to do is ask. Having asked, let us now claim the promise.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Theme Conversation:

Hymn: "Come Touch Our Hearts" MV12

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 55:1-2 (Contemporary English Version – CEV)

The Lord's Invitation

55 If you are thirsty,
 come and drink water!
 If you don't have any money,
 come, eat what you want!
 Drink wine and milk
 without paying a cent.
² Why waste your money
 on what really isn't food?
 Why work hard for something
 that doesn't satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me,
 and you will enjoy
 the very best foods.

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9; 14-21 (CEV) **(Responsive)**

⁸ You are merciful, Lord!
 You are kind and patient
 and always loving.
⁹ **You are good to everyone,
 and you take care
 of all your creation.**

¹⁴ When someone stumbles or falls,
 you give a helping hand.
¹⁵ **Everyone depends on you,
 and when the time is right,
 you provide them with food.**
¹⁶ By your own hand
 you satisfy
 the desires of all who live.
¹⁷ **Our Lord, everything you do
 is kind and thoughtful,
¹⁸ and you are near to everyone
 whose prayers are sincere.**
¹⁹ You satisfy the desires
 of all your worshipers,
 and you come to save them
 when they ask for help.
²⁰ **You take care of everyone
 who loves you,
 but you destroy the wicked.**
²¹ I will praise you, Lord,
 and everyone will respect
 your holy name forever.

Epistle Reading: Romans 9:1-5 (CEV)

God's Choice of Israel

⁹ I am a follower of Christ, and the Holy Spirit is a witness to my conscience. So I tell the truth and I am not lying when I say ² my heart is broken and I am in great sorrow. ³ I would gladly be placed under God's curse and be separated from Christ for the good of my own people. ⁴ They are the descendants of Israel, and they are also God's chosen people. God showed them his glory. He made agreements with them and gave them his Law. The temple is theirs and so are the promises that God made to them. ⁵ They have those famous ancestors, who were also the ancestors of Jesus Christ. I pray that God, who rules over all, will be praised forever! Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21 (CEV)

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

¹³ After Jesus heard about John, he crossed Lake Galilee to go to some place where he could be alone. But the crowds found out and followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw the large crowd. He felt sorry for them and healed everyone who was sick.

¹⁵ That evening the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This place is like a desert, and it is already late. Let the crowds leave, so they can go to the villages and buy some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They don't have to leave. Why don't you give them something to eat?"

¹⁷ But they said, "We have only five small loaves of bread and two fish." ¹⁸ Jesus asked his disciples to bring the food to him, ¹⁹ and he told the crowd to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up toward heaven and blessed the food. Then he broke the bread and handed it to his disciples, and they gave it to the people.

²⁰ After everyone had eaten all they wanted, Jesus' disciples picked up twelve large baskets of leftovers.

²¹ There were about five thousand men who ate, not counting the women and children.

Meditation: "The World is Changed by Your Example, Not By Your Opinion"

***Hymn:** "God of the Bible" **MV 28**

Offering:

Offering Song: What Can I Do? **MV 191**

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

***Offertory Prayer: (Responsive)**

When we are alone, and disadvantaged,

You are with us.

When we are sick and suffering,

You are with us.

Even when we cannot feel your presence,

You are with us.

We bring our gifts to you

Praying that, through them, your compassion may be made known to all who are alone and disadvantaged, sick and suffering, grieving and hungering for your presence. Amen.

Prayer Prelude: Be Still and Know MV 77

Be still and know that I am God.

Prayers For People:

***Hymn:** "O Lord My God" **VU 238**

***Blessing/Sending Forth:**

***Parting Song:** Go Now In Peace

Postlude

Prayer for the Week:

Dear Lord, thank you for fresh grace and a week full of promise. Lead me in Your ways and fill my heart with Your love and joy. Help me see others as You see them. Guide every decision, response, effort and conversation I have for Your glory. Amen.

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