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Sunday, August 5, 2018

* Congregation please stand as you are able.

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Ruth Cooke

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Prelude/Centering Time

Call to Worship:

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

We come to celebrate God's presence,

and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

We come as a pilgrim people searching for ways to live out our faith.

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are had; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness**

VU 288

A Time for the Young & Young at Heart/Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Let us offer up the sins of our mouths.

Gracious God, we offer up to you the words we've said in anger or when feeling spiteful or hurt, lies we've told that we thought didn't matter or that we could "get away with."

Let us offer up the sins of our minds.

Holy God, we offer up to you thoughts we've had that "cut down" others or show a lack of respect for ourselves.

Let us offer up to God the sins of our hearts.

Merciful God, we offer up to you the times our hearts were bitter and refused to forgive, or when we were sad and refused to be comforted, or when we were hardened to others and didn't share love.

Let us offer up the sins of our hands.

Loving God, we offer up to you the times we used our hands to do things that hurt others, the earth, or ourselves; the times we were not kind.

Let us take the sins of our mouths and our minds, our hearts and our hands, and release them to the heart of God.

Forgive us. We need your love. (We reflect in silence...)

Words of Assurance:

God will transform us, pure and clean as the dove of the Holy Spirit, for we are beloved.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

First Reading: 1 John 1:5-2:4 (NRSV)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist.

Psalm: Psalm 130 (Refrain 1)**VU 853****Gospel Reading:** John 1:29-34 (NRSV)

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I

myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Meditation: "Out of Darkness"

***Hymn:** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy **MV 271**

Offering:

Offering Song: As Long As We Follow **MV 140**

**As long as we follow in the way that God is leading,
We know God's reign will surely come.
We know this, we know this.
Yes, God's reign will surely come.**

***Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

**In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you,
O God. Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit,
and a joyful heart. Amen.**

Prayer Prelude: Spirit of Life **VU 381**

**Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.**

Prayers of the People:

Prayer of Jesus:

***Hymn:** Amazing Grace

VU 266

Blessing/Sending Forth:

Go out into the world in peace; have courage;
hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, and help the
suffering.

Honour all people; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

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

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, within, around, above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Postlude:

Announcements:

Prayer of the week:

Dear Lord, so far I've done all right.
I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper,
haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent.
I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed.
And from then on, I'm going to need a lot more help. Amen.

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