



***Celebrating
179 Years***



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Presiding: Rev. Jeff Hawkins

Ministry of Music: Suzanne Flewelling

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

Joy comes to those who follow God's ways.

We will follow the Lord with joyful hearts!

Those who follow the Lord are like trees planted by the river, bearing fruit each season.

May our lives be fruitful and blessed by God!

Worship the Lord who leads us to joy and abundance.

Let us worship God now and throughout all our days.

Opening Hymn: We Praise You, O God VU 218

- 1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Opening Prayer:

God of all creation, you have formed the world in beauty. Each one declares your praise. And what do we declare about you in our lives? We pray our work will honour your mercy; may our relationships speak of your love and compassion. So may we praise you, O God, not just in this hour of worship, but in all our waking and our working, through the grace of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Children's Time

Ministry of Music: By Our Love *adapted by Tom Kendzia - played by Suzanne Flewelling*

Prayer of Confession:

O God, we offer you our love in worship, yet we admit we do not live out that love. We don't always act on our good intentions, we fail to keep our promises, we hurt each other, and then refuse to seek or offer forgiveness. Forgive us and help us to do better, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Thanks be to God that we can make a new start this very day.

Scripture: Philemon 1: 4-7 *reader Lillian Gohn*

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

Sermon: Full of Use**Hymn: Dear God, Who loves All Humankind VU 608**

- 1 Dear God, who loves all humankind,
 forgive our foolish ways;
 reclothe us in our rightful mind;
 in purer lives thy service find,
 in deeper reverence, praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
 beside the Syrian sea,
 the gracious calling of the Lord,
 let us, like them, without a word
 rise up, and follow thee.
- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
 O calm of hills above,
 where Jesus knelt to share with thee
 the silence of eternity,
 interpreted by love!
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness
 till all our strivings cease;
 take from our souls the strain and stress,
 and let our ordered lives confess
 the beauty of thy peace.
- 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
 thy coolness and thy balm;
 let sense be dumb, let flesh retire:
 speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
 O still small voice of calm!

Joys & Concerns

- Birthdays

- Marguerite Ancliffe celebrates on Sept. 13th

Prayers of the People

The Lords Prayer

Offering Hymn: 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. (x2)

Offering Prayer

Parting Song: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee VU 560

- 1 O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
teach me thy secret, help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
with some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee,
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sure and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,
- 4 in hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Benediction

Postlude: It Took a Miracle by John W. Peterson sung by Rev. Jeff Hawkins accompanied by Suzanne Flewelling

Welcomers: Barb Gregory, John Cuming

Counters: Ruth Sproule, Chris Hopewell

Worship Schedule

September 14 th	Creation Time Begins	Social Justice
September 21 st	15 th after Pentecost	TBA
September 28 th	16 th after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
October 5 th	Worldwide Communion	Rev. Jeff Hawkins

Council Meeting Oct. 1, Nov. 5, & Dec. 3. Please reach out to a Council member if there is a concern or question to be shared with Council.