



Music of Preparation

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Nicholas Bowden

Director of Music & Organist

Introit The Statue of Liberty Brian Lindsey, Tenor
Neil Enloe, arr. Tom Keene

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*Hymn 62 (Vv. 1, 4, 5, 7) All Creatures of Our God and King LASST INS ERFREUEN

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Short and **People**

Rev. Short

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen. A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada UMH #883

*GLORIA PATRI MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace Rev. Short

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

Congregational Notes

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Short and **People**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**Associate Minister

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Reading Psalm 56:2b-9 Chase Leonard

- ^{2b} O Most High, ³ when I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
- ⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I am not afraid; what can flesh do to me?
- ⁵ All day long they seek to injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil.
- ⁶ They stir up strife; they lurk; they watch my steps, as they hoped to take my life.
- ⁷ Do not deliver them for any reason; in wrath cast down the peoples, O God!
- 8 You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your record?
- ⁹ Then my enemies will retreat in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer Rev. Short

OFFERTORY

God Bless America
Irving Berlin, arr. Ovid Young

Summer Choir Savannah Cathey, Soprano

While the storm clouds gather, far across the sea,
let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
as we raise our voices in a solemn prayer:
God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairie, to the oceans white with foam;
God bless America, my home sweet home!

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

VBS SPECIAL MUSIC

Camp Firelight Campers

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Short

Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are invited to attend Wonders of Worship in Room B225. Children 3rd grade and older are encouraged to stay in the sanctuary for the service. The nursery is available for infants through 3 years.

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:41-52 Rev. Lawrence

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Lawrence

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rev. Lawrence and People

Whenever I'm afraid

I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise,
in the Lord, whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid.

*Hymn 277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

STORIES OF JESUS

*Benediction Rev. Lawrence

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be With You Till We Meet Again Mack Wilberg Summer Choir

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet at Jesus' feet; God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

Trumpet Tune David German Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew Nancy Byers Richard Clayton Karen Davis Robbie Gray Martha Hale Tangie Hubbard Doris Kerlin Jerry Light Bettina McDowell Ron McDowell Ingrid Shields Brenda Tierman Paul Wiley

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