

# WORSHIP, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

11:00

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour Jim Preece, Organist/Choirmaster

Words of Welcome Rev. Ashley Jenkins, Pastor

Prelude The congregation in silent anticipation

Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit Chancel Choir

*How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely*

*How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;  
my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;  
and so your temple calls us with in its walls to rest.*

### \*Call to Worship

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father

There is no shadow of turning with Thee

**Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not**

**As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be**

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me. Amen**

### \*Hymn

*Maker, in Whom We Live*

*1. Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move, the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.  
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high, while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.*

*2. Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.  
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim, and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"*

*3. Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.  
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height, the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.*

*4. Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above, let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.  
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face, sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada*

**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.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*Glory Be to the Father*

**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, amen.**

**Children and Youth Moment**

Jean Cotton

**Organ Interlude**

**Choral Meditation**

Chancel Choir

*In Your Blest Courts to Worship*

*In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day  
is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.  
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord  
than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.*

**WE GROW THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD**

**\*Gospel Reading**

*Luke 16:1-13*

Jan Purcell, Reader

16 Then Jesus<sup>Ⓜ</sup> said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth<sup>Ⓜ</sup> so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.<sup>Ⓜ</sup>”

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,<sup>10</sup> who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”<sup>14</sup>

**Psalter**

*Psalm 80*

Jean Cotton, Reader

The congregation joins the choir on the response:

*The God of Abraham praise, all praised by God's name,  
who was, and is, and is to be, and still the same!*

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Jenkins

**Congregational Response**

Lord, may our prayer rise like incense in your sight,  
May this place be filled with the fragrance of Christ. Amen

**\*Hymn**

*If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee*

1. *If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in God through all thy ways, God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.*

*Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move.*

2. *Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content to take whate'er thy Maker's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent; we know our inmost wants are known, for we are called to be God's own.*

3. *Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully, and trust God's word; though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee. God never yet forsook at need the soul that trusted God indeed.*

**Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

The People

**\*Presentation and Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Sermon**

Rev. Jenkins

**\*Hymn**

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

- 1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.*
- 2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.*
- 3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine inmost substance see,  
and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.*
- 4. For thee delightfully employ what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.*

**WE GO TO SERVE**

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Jenkins

**\*Responsive Affirmation**

Tune: St. Clement

**All singing:** The morning thou gavest, Lord, is ended;  
The darkness falls at thy behest;  
To thee our morning hymns ascended;  
Thy praise shall hallow now our rest. Amen.

**Chimes**

The congregation in silent reflection