

May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Senior Recognition Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

*Who the Son sets free is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am*

Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

*Who the Son sets free is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am
In my Father's house There's a place for me
I'm a child of God Yes I am*

I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me I am who You say I am
I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, it's far too easy for us to forget the truth of Jesus' Easter news. It's far too easy for us to think that you have abandoned us in our pain. It's far too easy to think that there is not enough love to go around. And so we often make choices from within those feelings, which only perpetuates those untruths. Forgive us when we do not show your love. Give us grace when we cannot believe your promises. Open our eyes when we've closed them to your presence. Stir up your Spirit in us, that we might get up and follow after Jesus again. We ask this in Jesus' name, knowing that you offer it to us fully, each day. **Amen.**

SONG

Resurrecting

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet now at his feet we bow

The one who wore our sin and shame now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love now shines for all to see

*Your name Your name is victory
All praise will rise to Christ our king
Your name Your name is victory
All praise will rise to Christ our king*

The fear that held us now gives way to him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross is now alive in me

*Your name Your name is victory
All praise will rise to Christ our king
Your name Your name is victory
All praise will rise to Christ our king*

*By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat
The resurrected king is resurrecting me
In your name I come alive to declare your victory
The resurrected king is resurrecting me*

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain our God has robbed the grave
Our God has robbed the grave

*Your name Your name is victory
All praise will rise to Christ our king
Your name Your name is victory
All praise will rise to Christ our king*

***By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat
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The resurrected king is resurrecting me***

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, as we reach the end of this Easter season, we know that Easter never really ends. You are the God of endings, yes, but you are also the God of new beginnings. This time in our life feels like one long ending to all that we've known. Your disciples probably thought that too, after Jesus' death and even after his ascension. And yet, you are the God who always has one more surprise in store. Remind us that your Spirit of Truth is alive among us, moving us toward whatever new beginnings await us. Remind us that we are bound together with you and cannot be separated from your love. Stir this love up in us, to share with a world in need. **Amen.**

SENIOR SHARE

Alexa Spoerle

A READING FROM Acts 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

A READING FROM 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

A READING FROM JOHN 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

SERMON

Pastor Amy Stewart

SONG

Hold Us Together

**It don't have a job
It don't pay your bills
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life
In five easy steps
Ain't the law of the land or the government
But it's all you need**

***And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not alone***

**It's waiting for you
Knocking at your door
In the moment of truth
When your heart hits the floor
And you're on your knees**

***And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my sister's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not alone***

**This is the first day of the rest of your life
This is the first day of the rest of your life
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light
It's gonna be alright it's gonna be alright**

**This is the first day of the rest of your life
This is the first day of the rest of your life
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light
It's gonna be alright it's gonna be alright**

***And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not alone***

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A NEW CREED – 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 live with respect in Creation,
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.

PRAYERS

P: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

God IS our peace. Receive that peace and share peace with one another.

SENIOR BLESSING AND BLANKET PRESENTATION

OFFERING

Senior Video Presentation

Offerings can be made online or mailed to the church office. Thank you for your continuing support to our ministry during this time.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen

BENEDICTION

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
Raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
And turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Bless you now and forever

C: Amen.

SONG

All the People Said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

*And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen*

**If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all**

*And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen*

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God**

*And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen*

And all the people said amen

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DISMISSAL

L: Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Vocal Leader: *Worship Band*

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