

July 5, 2020 • Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Your Love Awakens Me

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Jesus, we admit that it's hard to choose dependence. We are proud of all that we accomplish and forget that apart from you, we have nothing. We forget that when we aren't about your kingdom work, then we are working against you. Forgive us when we choose to walk our own way. Forgive us when we lift ourselves up above the rest of your children. Forgive us for falling into the trap of thinking that if we just try harder, you'll love us more.

We trust in your grace and love. Help us to lean into your forgiveness and know that you give us new mercy each day, to try again. **Amen.**

SONG

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, you call all who are weary to come to you for rest. We are so weary. We are so worn. We aren't sure if we can take anymore, and so we crawl into your lap this day, and rest awhile in your care. In this rest, give us the comfort, strength, and hope we will need to carry on with the work of building your kingdom. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A READING FROM ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A READING FROM ROMANS 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.
¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.
²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A READING FROM MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”
¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”
²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

SERMON

Pastor Amy Stewart

SONG

Come to Me

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: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

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: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Build Your Kingdom Here

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C: Thanks be to God.

Vocal Leaders: *Worship Band*

Musician: *Gail and Josh Brecht, Jason Fulbright, Amy Kallansrud, Jimmie Miller, Christian Saia*

Video & Audio: *Brandon Wade & Andrew Leach*

