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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 10:00 am  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Music as We Gather**

**Gathering**

**The lighting of the Outreach, Unity, and Christ Candles**

**\* Introit:**                    "Spirit of the Living God"                    VU #376

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

**Recognition of the Land**

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## **Call to Worship:**

There is much to distract us from God.

**We are tempted by so many unimportant things.**

But Christ calls us back.

**We are called to focus our lives on living as God  
would have us live.**

We are called to that which is truly important...

**Jesus' life-giving ways of service and compassion.**

Centred in love and awareness, let us worship.

**AMEN.**

## **\* Hymn:**

**"We Are One"**

**VU #402**

We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand  
there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.  
We are one as we feast,

as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine  
there's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come,  
as we feed, we are fed;  
and we feel God's refreshing grace  
as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear,  
as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave,  
as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways  
as we move together from this place.

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Listening**

## **Children's Time / Time for all Ages**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**\* Hymn:** "Small Things Count"

VU #361

Small things count, so Jesus said:  
cups of water, crumbs of bread,  
small things done because we're kind  
count as big things in God's mind.

Small things make the big things grow:  
grains of yeast inside the dough,  
puffs that fill a big balloon,  
notes that make a happy tune.

Every hair that's on our head,  
every sparrow, Jesus said,  
God takes care of, counts and knows,  
God loves us from top to toes!

**Scriptures:**

Colossians 3:1-11      *Set your mind on things that are above*  
Luke 12:13-21      *The rich fool who builds bigger barns*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:      God on the Mountain**

*Offered by Frank Hartman*

**Message:**      Our Inner Monk

**\* Hymn:**      "Spirit, Open My Heart"      MV #79

***Refrain:***

*Spirit, open my heart  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender. **R**

Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory. **R**

May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another. **R**

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

**\* Offertory:**                    “When We Are Living”                    VU #581, v2

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

**Receive, O God, these fruits of the earth and the  
products of our labours, which we offer to you. Accept  
them, we pray, through Jesus, our Christ. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:**

“Come, Let Us Sing”

VU #222

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.

**\* Commissioning**

**\* Benediction**

The God of forgiveness bless you,  
the grace of Christ keep you,  
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.  
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.  
And the people said ... **AMEN!**