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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, July 9th, 2023, 10:00 am
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** "Come Holy Spirit" VU #204

Come, Holy Spirit, gracious heavenly dove;
Come, fire of love.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship:

Come in and find some rest!

We need that rest, for we are weary!

Come in and discover peace!

We need peace, for our spirits are heavy.

Come in and discover love!

**We need the love that God gives, and the love of
self, and the love of our neighbour.**

You have come to the right place! God is here, waiting for you.

Thanks be to God, whose hope lives within us.
Let us worship.

* **Hymn:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” VU #333

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,

till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

* **Hymn:** "Morning Has Broken"

VU #409

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Scripture:

Song of Solomon 2:8–13 *A love song.*
Romans 7:15–25a *I do not do the good I want to do.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. By K. Lee Scott

Offered by Cupido Daniels and Carmen Peng

Message: On Love and Hate

Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk

*** Hymn: "Through Ancient Walls"**

VU #691

Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!

Refrain:

Walls that divide are broken down;

Christ is our unity!

Chains that enslave are thrown aside;

Christ is our liberty!

When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack. **R**

The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
for self and world made new. **R**

The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;

a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name! **R**

This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery! **R**

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "What Can I Do?" MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

**We give these gifts and our whole selves to the service
you call us to. We are thankful for your Spirit of peace
and love which never ceases to move and inspire us to
be your disciples, serving you through serving others.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "You Shall Go Out with Joy" VU #884

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills

will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

*** 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!**

***Hymn of Benediction:** “Amen”

Postlude