

August 4, 2024 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church

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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Watchword for the week: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

(Please Stand if able.)

Call To Worship:

(L) We are called to gather together as children of God.

(A) We are called to serve and follow Jesus in peace.

(L) We are called to glorify the Father and bear much fruit

(A) We hear your call O God; teach us which way we should go.

(Please continue to stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: "Call By Christ to Love Each Other"

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Called by Christ to love each other, called by Christ to seek the lost, may we each, as sister, brother, follow Christ, not counting cost. One in daring, one in sharing, follow Christ, not counting cost. One in daring, one in sharing, follow Christ, not counting cost.

Called by Christ to be a witness, called by Christ for this, our day, in Christ's strength we have our fitness, work to do and words to say. On Christ leaning, find life's meaning, work to do and words to say. On Christ leaning, find life's meaning, work to do and words to say.

Called by Christ to be earth's leaven, called by Christ to shed God's light, may we bring a view of heaven to this world's despairing plight. Christ revealing, wondrous healing to this world's despairing plight. Christ revealing, wondrous healing to this world's despairing plight.

Called by Christ as friends and learners, called by Christ for peace on earth, in this world as Christ's sojourners we receive new pow'r, new birth. As we're praising (how amazing!) we receive new pow'r, new birth. As we're praising (how amazing!) we receive new pow'r, new birth.

(Please remain Standing if able.)

Liturgy: Peace and Justice

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How should we come before the Holy One and bow before God on high?

God has shown what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

Hymn:

HYMN TO JOY

Lord, whose love in humble service for the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not a voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose

ev-'ry gift which you impart.

We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good;

For your steadfast love endures forever!

Who can utter your mighty works, or show forth all your praise?

Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Is not this the kind of worship that pleases me, says our God: to undo the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, to share bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor, to clothe the naked and not turn from your own people? I was hungry when you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick or in prison and you visited me.

When did we see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, naked and clothe you, sick or in prison and visit you?

Truly, I say to you, when you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.

(Sitting)

Hymn:

BAHNSON

"Come now, you bless__ed eat at my ta__ble," Christ Jesus said to the righteous above. "When I was hun__gry, thirsty and home__less, sick and in prison you showed me your love."

Christ, when we see__ you out on life's highways, looking to us in the faces of need, then may we know__ you, welcome and show__ you love that is faithful in word and In deed.

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word; if you give your bread to the hungry and relief to the oppressed, then your light will rise like the dawn; your goodness will go before you and the glory of God behind you.

God has shown us what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

As we consider these things, let us confess our sins in silence.

Silent Confession

The peace of Christ be with you;

And also with you.

Hymn:

QUEBEC

Give me your courage, Lord, to speak when-ev-er strong op-press the weak. Should I myself as vic-tim live, rememb'ring you, may I forgive.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they will be called children of God.

Jesus said: You have heard it said, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgment." But I say to you that if you are angry with your neighbor, you will be liable to judgment.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

You have heard it said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

You have heard it said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Hymn:

Perfect Love

**Follow with rev-'rent steps the great example of him whose holy work was doing good;
so shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple, each loving life a psalm of gratitude.**

Praise God, all you nations,

Praise God, all you people!

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. There will be One who will rule with integrity and govern with justice: One who will be like a shelter from the wind and a place to hide from the storm; One who will be like streams flowing in a desert, like a shadow of a giant rock in a barren land; One whose eyes and ears will open to the needs of the people.

Our God says:

Here is my servant, whom I strengthen, and one I have chosen, with whom I am pleased.

I have filled him with my Spirit, and he will bring justice to every nation.

He will not lose hope or courage; he will establish justice on the earth.

He will teach us what he wants us to do;

We will walk in the paths he has chosen.

He will settle disputes among the nations; he will arbitrate for many peoples.

We will beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not lift up sword against nation; neither will they learn war anymore;

We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.

Justice will roll down like waters,

And righteousness like an everflowing stream.

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness will be quietness and trust forever. And we will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.

(Standing)

God has shown us what is good and what is required:

To do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

Hymn:

SARUM

**Peacemakers! Blessed by Christ's inviting word, __ children of God let ev-'ry-where be heard the sounds of peace and
justice not deferred. Al-le-lu-__ia, al-le-lu__-ia.**

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts To God

Offertory

(Please Stand if able.)

Doxology: "We Plow the Fields, and Scatter"

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We thank you, our Creator, for all things bright and good, the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food; accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts, and what you most would treasure our humble, thankful hearts.

Prayer of Blessing: (All) We give you thanks and praise Dear Father for all of your blessings. We giveback a portion of what you have given us in gratitude for your love. Bless these our gifts we pray. Amen.

(Sitting)

God's Word For Today:

1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 78:23-39

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2nd Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16 (Responsive Reading)

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1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." 9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

The Gospel Reading: John 6:24-35

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Hymn: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

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Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise-life abundant meant for each - give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community; with the Spirit's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of ministry.

The Message: "It's Your Call; It's Our Call"

Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (unison)

WITH THE FRESH OUTPOURING OF YOUR SPIRIT THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE RESOLVE TO BE THE DISCIPLES YOU HAVE EQUIPPED US TO BE.

GIVE US THE WILL TO BEAR YOUR LOVE IN OUR BODIES, IN OUR SPIRITS, IN OUR WORDS, AND IN OUR DAILY ACTIONS SO THAT OUR WORLD WILL COME TO KNOW YOU AND LOVE YOU.

WE BOW BEFORE YOU, READY TO LIVE FOR YOU.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR FAILURES OF YESTERDAY AND EARLIER TODAY ARE CAST ASIDE BY YOUR GRACE AND THAT THE FUTURE IS OPEN FOR US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

OUR FATIGUE AND PERSONAL PAIN WILL BE OVERCOME, FOR YOU DO NOT GIVE US MORE THAN WE CAN BEAR.

WHERE WE ARE FEARFUL, SPEAK TENDERLY OF YOUR PROVISIONS FOR OUR EVERY NEED AND THAT, WITH YOU, WE CAN DO MORE THAN WE IMAGINE.

TO YOU, O GOD, WE WILL CLEAVE; FOR YOU ALONE ARE FAITHFUL AND WITH YOU AT OUR RIGHT HAND WE WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.

Amen

Hymn of Response: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

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Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity; with the Spirit's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of ministry.

Benediction

Musical Response: (All) In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sending Hymn: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry. All who dwell and deep-est sin My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? ____

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. ____ Is it I, Lord? ____ I have heard you call-ing in the night. ____ I will go, Lord, ____ If you lead me. ____ I will hold your peo-ple in my heart. ____

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? ____

(Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Fin-est bread I will provide till their hearts be sat-is-fied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? ____ (Refrain)

(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)

Postlude

Next Sunday, August 11, 2024, we will be celebrating August Thirteenth Festival by having Holy Communion. The Festival of August 13 also known as "Moravian Pentecost," is a festival that commemorates an event that took place in Germany in the early 18th century. On August 13, 1727, the first communion service was held at the village church after 300 refugees signed the "Covenant for Christian Living" on May 12, 1727, at the estate of Count Zinzendorf in Saxony. This event is considered the spiritual "birthday" of the Moravian Church. Please come out and join us in the Lord's Supper. We are looking forward to seeing you all here.



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