

July 6, 2025 In Celebration of John Hus Festival
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Watchword for the Week: So let us not grow weary in doing what is right. Galatians 6:9

(Please Stand if able.)

Call to Worship:

L: Praise to the Lord!

A: O let all that is in me adore him!

L: All that has life and breath

A: Come now with praises before him!

L: Let the amen.

A: Sound from his people again.

All: Gladly forever adore him!

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: “Jesus Calls Us” MBW Page 600 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

**Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea, day
by day his voice is sounding, saying, “Christians, follow me.”**

**Long ago apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from
home and work and fam-’ly, leaving all for his dear sake.**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of work and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more
than these.”**

**Jesus calls us, by your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.**

(Sitting)

Reading: Festival of John Hus

Please Join me in this Prayer for John Hus.

**Holy God, we thank you for the dedication of John Hus and his
willingness to sacrifice even his life for the sake of truth. We
thank you for his dedicated followers who later formed the
Moravian Church. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible” MBW Page 457 vs. 1

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid
from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

(Please Stand if able.)

Liturgy: Christian Unity MBW Page 122

Almighty God, you are the one who called this universe into being. Out of nothing you created everything that is.

**By your power you hold together all space and time and
substance.**

By your hand alone, Creator God, the inanimate elements became alive so that we could live and move and have our being.

**We celebrate life, the precious life you have given us, and
we celebrate that unity of mind and emotions, of body and
soul, that you want us to enjoy and share with each other.**

We rejoice in the centrality of Jesus Christ in all your works, for he was with you from the very beginning, and is supreme over all creation.

We praise you that Christ is before all things, and that in him all things hold together, especially our very fragile, vulnerable, and often broken lives.

Hymn:

DUKE STREET

Lord of all being throned a-far, your glory flames from sun and star; center and soul of ev - 'ry sphere, yet to each lov - ing heart how near!

Lord of all life, be - low, a - bove, whose light is truth, whose warmth is love, be - fore your ev - er blaz - ing throne we ask no lus - ter of our own.

(Sitting)

We know that we will remain less than the whole persons you have called us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, and so we bow before you and pray:

Please join me in this prayer:

Almighty God, we confess that we have tried to run away and hide from you. We constantly deceive ourselves into thinking that we can live without you. We have made idols of our own achievements. We have treated other persons as though they did not bear your image. We have failed to enfold and include all persons within the outstretched and open arms of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And we have left undone those deeds of lovingkindness and godly justice that you want us to pursue in your name. Bring your Spirit upon us in a gracious, healing way. Make us agents of reconciliation as we live within your holy presence. Amen.

Hymn:

BEECHER

**Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in you in-her-it, let us find the promised rest. Take
away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as
its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

We thank you, gracious God, for establishing the church as a single body of interdependent members, each having a place and purpose.

**We know that we need each other and are called to
appreciate the great variety of gifts you have given us to
use.**

Help us to rejoice with those who are feeling joy and delight.

**Help us to sing with those who are singing your love and
praise.**

Help us to taste the agony of those who are hurting.

Help us to share the burden of those who are in distress.

Take away jealousy and resentment from our hearts when we see others achieving success.

**Fill us with that spirit of unity in Christ that lets us see and
feel and know that we all belong to you through the grace
we have received.**

Teach us to know and love the world-wide church called out of all peoples and nations. Make visible the unity that you desire as we express a spirit of reconciliation in all our relationships. Show us that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witness and service. Lead us to appreciate the richness of our diversity and your creative power at work in our various traditions and customs. Make us all one with you by the inspiration and guidance of your Spirit.

Please join me in this prayer.

Lead us into lives worthy of our calling in Christ, with all

lowliness, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Please Stand if able)

Let us pray together for the grace that we need, saying:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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Dear God, as we your people gather in every time and place around this wondrous earth, may we be strengthened by your awareness of one another and united by our mutual prayers.

Hear us and help us all, we pray.

May the variety of traditions and customs of your whole church become a multitude of lights to reveal the good news needed by people everywhere. May the variety of our ministries and service convey your redemptive love and bind us ever closer to one another.

Grant us grace and unite in essentials, to accept diversity in non-essentials, and to love one another in all things.

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Hymn:

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

**Join we all with one accord; praise we all our common Lord; for
we all have heard his voice, all have made his will our choice.
Partners with the saints of old, no more strangers in the fold,
one the Shepherd who is sought, one the flock his blood has
bought.**

**One the name in which we pray, one our Savior day by day; with
one Cup and with one Bread thus one cov-'nant way we tread.
One in spirit, one in life, one a mid earth's frequent strife, one in
faith and one in love, one in hope of heav'n above.**

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts To God:

Offertory

(Please Stand if able.)

Doxology: “For the Fruit of All Creation” MBW Page 449

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth’s safe keeping, thanks be to God.

Prayer Of Blessings:(All) Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

Sovereign God, may these gifts and our lives bear fruit and many good deeds, increasing the knowledge of your kingdom. May we extend patience, endurance, wisdom, understanding, love and joy throughout our church, community and world. Help us not to grow weary in doing what is right. Praise the Lord for the Lord is good; sing to his name for he is gracious. O gracious Lord, we thank you for your mercy you have shown us, we give ourselves and our gifts to extend mercy to everyone, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Sitting)

God’s Word for Today:

**Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 Pew Bible Page 1193
(Responsive Reading)**

Christ the Wisdom and Power of God

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise person? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,

but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God

Hymn of Preparation: **“Take My Life That It May Be”** MBW Pg 610 vs. 1, 2

Take my life that it may be all your purpose, Lord, for me. Take my moments and my days; Let them sing your ceaseless praise, let them sing your ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of your love. Take my feet and lead their way; never let them go astray, never let them go astray.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-35 Pew Bible Page 1055

Jesus Predicts His Death

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but the things of man.” Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take

up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

Message: “Power Redefined”

Bishop Chris Giesler

Hymn of Response: “Take My Life That It May Be” MBW Pg 610 vs. 3,4

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and keep them true, filled with messages from you, filled with messages from you.

Take my life, O Lord, renew, consecrate my heart to you. Take my self, and I will be yours for all eternity, yours for all eternity.

A Service of Holy Communion for the Festival of John Hus

(An ordained minister presides and consecrates the elements.)

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Standing. The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another.)

Hymn:

Cassel (167 A), page 196

**Come then, come, O flock of Jesus, covenant with him anew;
unto him, who conquered for us, pledge we love and service
true; let our mutual love be glowing; thus the world will plainly
see that we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in thee.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

Hymn: St. Theodulph (151G), Hymn 769 & Hymn 391 vs.2a

God is our strong salvation, no enemy we fear; he hears our supplications, dispelling all our care, if he, our head and master, defend us from above, what pain or what disaster can part us from his love?

For Hus the fearless martyr we give you thanks and praise, whose bright and pure example still shines in these our days. May we with dedication so preach and live your love that all may hear your witness and strive for heav'n above.

We fully are persuaded and joyfully declare we're never left unaided, our Father hears our prayers; God's comforts never fail us; God stands by our right hand; when tempests fierce assail us, they're calm at his command.

The ground of our profession is Jesus and his blood, he gives us the possession of everlasting good. To us his Holy Spirit speaks many-a precious word of rest to one who's seeking a refuge in the Lord.

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Hymn: Eastham, Hymn 394

Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright, The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steeps of light! 'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin. Fling open wide the golden gates and let the victors in!

What rush of hallelujahs fills all the earth and sky! What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh! O day, for

**which creation and all its tribes were made! O joy, for all its
former woes a thousandfold repaid!**

**O then what raptured greetings on Canaan's happy shore; What
knitting severed friendships up, where partings are no more
Than eyes with joy shall sparkle that brimmed with tears of late,
No orphans left without a home, nor mourners desolate.**

**Bring near your great salvation, O Lamb for sinners slain; Fill
up the roll of your elect, then take your pow'r, and reign!
Appear, Desire of nations, your exiles long for home; Show in
the heav'n your promised sign; then, Prince and Savior, come.**

(When the bread has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for
you.

(All partake together.)

Silent Prayer

By your divine presence, By the holy sacraments, By all the merits of your
life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave
thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this
is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for
the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of
me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

Hymn:

Rhaw (22A), page 201

**The Savior's blood and righteousness my beauty is, my glorious
dress; thus well arrayed, I need not fear, when in his presence I
appear.**

The holy, spotless Lamb of God, who freely gave his life and blood, for all my numerous sins to atone, I for my Lord and Savior own.

Refresh your thirsting people, Lord, and bid our drooping spirits live; and more, that energy afford a Savior's love alone can give.

Hymn: Still, Still, Still Hymn 412

Come, come, come, Christ Jesus bids us come. O come to his table, all who love him, think of his grace, and pray to receive him; come, come, come, Christ Jesus bids us come.

Eat, drink, love, sing praise to God above; remember how he came here to save us, gave us his Son, that sin won't enslave us; eat, drink, love, sing praise to God above.

Go, go, go, into the world we must go; go tell to others how Jesus loves them, go to serve freely, thus, we may show them God above gives all of us his love.

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Hymn: Stuttgart (16F), Hymn 441

May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favor rest upon us from above.

May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.

(When the cup has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together.)

Silent Prayer

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant to us your peace. Amen.

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

Until he comes.

(The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ.)

Hymn: Batty (16A), Hymn 515

**By love's closest bonds united, as the Lord's own family, be to
serve his name excited, be to him a fruitful tree.**

The Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; May the Lord's countenance be lifted upon you and give you peace;

Sing: In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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

Postlude

Co-Leaders for July, 2025

July 13th - Laura Hepworth

July 20th - Liz Peterson

July 27th - Jim Jimenez

Next Sunday, July 13, 2025, we will welcome back Pastor Jesus Laguerra. We look forward to seeing you all here.

Tickets for The Moravian Picnic are on sale now. The date is September 27, 2025 from noon to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$[10.00](#) a person. Any child from 11 and under are FREE. Please see Muriel Timari or Liz Reres for the tickets. There will be plenty of food, games for all, crafts for all ages, music and a lot of fellowship with laughter and love. Please bring your lawn chairs with you and a picnic blanket if you wish.