

November 2, 2025 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Watchword for the Week: Jesus said, “For the son of man come to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

(Please Stand if able.)

Call to Worship:

L: We cry out to God for the help we need.

A: God stands with us through life’s trials and temptations.

L: Here we stand watch for God’s appearing. Together we seek a presence and aspire after truth.

A: Surely God is in this place and will give us understanding. God is recalling us to the values we have neglected.

L: God’s righteousness is everlasting, and God’s law is truth. Listen to all God would teach us; hear the Word of God.

A: We seek to grow in faith, to do good and in love for one another.

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: “God! When Human Bonds Are Broken” MBW Pg 398 vs. 1, 4, 5 Sung to Tune 441

God! When human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.

Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life. Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith.

**Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning: God! Encourage and renew!**

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Liturgy: Discipleship

MBW Page 37

What shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

**We will offer to the Lord the sacrifices of thanksgiving and
call upon the name of the Lord.**

Praise the Lord!

Hymn:

BEACH SPRING

**Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe;
worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word, and
repeat the gospel story 'til all souls his name have heard.**

Gracious God, for revealing yourself to us as one who created all things,
who gave us dominion over all the earth, who called us into a covenant
relationship with you, who has given us the privilege of being your
ambassadors in our world, who loves us as your children through Jesus
Christ our Lord,

We give you our heartfelt thanks.

Hymn:

EMMANUEL

**Our heav'nly Father, source of love, to you our hearts we raise.
Your all sustaining power we prove, and gladly sing your praise.**

(Sitting)

Jesus Christ our Savior, because you were willing to come to earth in the
likeness of humanity, to take the form of a servant; Because you became
obedient unto death, even death on a cross; Because God has highly exalted
you and bestowed on you the name which is above every name, that at your
name every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father;

We humbly bow before you in praise and adoration.

Hymn:

MANOAH

**Lord Jesus, yours we wish to be; our sacrifice receive.
By you preserved, from sin set free, to you ourselves we give.**

Holy Spirit, for dwelling within us and calling us to God by the gospel,
For preserving us in the true faith, For leading the church on earth in its
mission, For pointing the way of discipleship to each of us,

We acknowledge your presence and power among us.

Hymn:

LAND OF REST

**Come, Holy Ghost,___ the Savior's love___ shed in our hearts
abroad;___ so shall we ev___-er live and move___ and be with
Christ___ in God.---**

Jesus said: Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, there shall
my servant be also; whoever serves me, the Father will honor. If you
continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the
truth, and the truth shall make you free. By this my Father is glorified, that
you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

**We hear your call to discipleship. Master, teach us the way
we should go.**

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which
is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewal of your minds, that you may prove what is the
will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Jesus said: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have
loved you. I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear much
fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

**Now the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. If
we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.**

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Hymn:

IN BABILONE

**Lord, as you have lived for others, so may we for others live;
freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and
sea, we but stewards of your bounty sharing all by your decree.**

(Sitting)

**(Altogether) - We confess, Lord, that as your disciples we have
often dishonored the holy name we bear. We ask your forgiveness
for the times when we have failed to labor for your kingdom;
when we have not followed your admonition to seek first the
kingdom of God; when we have hidden our light from the world;
when we, as the salt of the earth, have lost our strength. Have
mercy on us, and restore unto us the joy of faithful discipleship.
Amen.**

The Lord, your Redeemer, has said: With everlasting love, I will have
compassion on you. Therefore serve the Lord with gladness; witness to his
goodness and mercy; and preach Jesus Christ as Lord, with yourselves as
servants for Jesus' sake.

(Standing)

Hymn:

GRACEHAM

**Jesus, Master, whom I serve, though so feebly and so ill,
strengthen hand and heart and nerve, all your bidding to fulfill;
open now my eyes to see all the work you have for me.**

**Jesus, Master, will you use one who owes you more than all? As
you will, I would not choose; only let me hear your call. Jesus, let
me always be in your service glad and free. Amen**

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts To God:

Offertory

(Standing)

Doxology: "For The Life That You Have Given" MBW Page 819

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring. Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

Prayer Of Blessing: Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

Seeking God, all that we have is yours. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. Sometimes we get lost in our possessions when we have too much. All your children are our brothers and sisters. We all have inherited your grace. You have blessed us abundantly. The offering becomes very important when we are centered on the steadfast love of God. Now bless what we have given to share, that our love for one another may increase. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Sitting)

God's Word for Today

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 1:1-10 Pew Bible Page 714

The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

A Rebellious Nation

Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: "I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its master, the donkey, his owner's manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand." Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with guilt, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the LORD; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him. Why should you be beaten anymore? Why do you persist in rebellion? Your whole head is injured, your whole heart afflicted. From the sole of your foot to the top of your head there is no soundness—only wounds and welts and open sores, not cleansed or bandaged or soothed with oil. Your country is desolate, your cities burned with fire; your fields are being stripped by foreigners right before you, laid waste as when overthrown by strangers. The Daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a hut in a field of melons, like a city under siege. Unless the LORD Almighty had left us some survivors, we would have become like

Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah. Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

2nd Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 (Responsive Reading) Pew Bible Page 1241

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.

Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10 Pew Bible Page 1098

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look,

Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Message: “Climbing Up The Ladder” Pastor Jesus Laguerra

Hymn of Response: “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound” MBW Page 783 vs. 1, 2, 5

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise then when we'd first begun.

Prayers of The People

The Lord’s Prayer: (All)

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.

(Please Stand if able.)

Sending Hymn: “Jesus Calls Us” MBW Page 600 vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

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

**Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me
more."**

**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.**

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Benediction:

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

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

Postlude

Pastor and Co-Leaders: November, 2025

November 9, 2025 - Muriel Timari - Stewardship Skit

November 16, 2025 - Sister Blondel Jones-Grant/Charlott Bramwell

November 23, 2025- Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Donna Ziegeler

November 30, 2025 - Pastor Melissa Johnson/Laura Hepworth

We want to thank Jose Diaz for providing the music today.

Next Sunday, November 9, 2025, we will be collecting The Joyful Noise Collection for Moravian Open Door. Please bring your coins and if you don't have any we will take cash. Also, we will be having a Fellowship Hour after church. We look forward to welcoming you all here next week.

We want to thank two special ladies that have been crocheting the gorgeous prayer shawls. They are Debra Jelonek and Donna Montanti. All the prayer shawls were on display last Sunday when they were blessed. We thank God for the special talent that both of you have been given and you have been glorifying God and giving people who need to feel God's love, comfort, peace, and strength to guide them through trials they are going through. Thank you again!

We have begun collecting for The Thanksgiving Baskets that will be put together at New Dorp Moravian Church. The food donations will be going to individuals and families in our community this Thanksgiving. Items being collected are the following: Turkey Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing Mix, Canned Yams, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, and Instant Mashed Potatoes. (Individual Boxes only, no bulk)

This year, instead of pre-packaged cookies, we will be collecting shelf-stable milk and cake/cookie mixes. Cans of frosting could also be included. If you or someone you know could use a Thanksgiving Basket, please contact the GKMC church office 718-317-7788 or by email office@greatkillsmoravian.org.