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UNITED CHURCH
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...an invitation from Jesus

July 18, 2021 10:30 am
Sunday Worship Service (Virtual)

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Welcome to Parkdale! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you wherever you are. We welcome all to join us in worship!

We are glad you've joined us to celebrate the mystery and gift of God's love for the world in the gift of Jesus Christ, a rich Christian tradition, and a loving community of faith. We hope that in this time of worship you will experience at least a moment when God, who is Love, encourages you in faith, and breaks through the realities of everyday life surrounding you with the assurance of peace and joy which God so wants us to experience.

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Our Vision Statement:

“To form followers of Jesus in such a way as to transform our community and our world.”

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP...

Stewardship Thought: *“Christ's invitation to the weary and heavy-laden is a call to begin life over again upon a new principle – upon His own principle.*

“Watch My way of doing things,” He says. “Follow Me. Take life as I take it. Be meek and lowly, and you will find Rest. (Henry Drummond)

Lighting the Worship Candle

Rev. Bailey

Silence

Musical Meditation

Debbie McGregor

Gathering Words and Prayer

Rev. Bailey

Call to Worship

Rev. Bailey/Rev. Limongi

This time of Pandemic has left many of us exhausted;

...and so we come needing rest.

We are those who are trying to follow Jesus;

...and so we come to learn from him.

We are those who are hungry for truth and faith;

...and so we come to be nourished and challenged.

Some of us are not sure what is up and what is down;

...so we come to be still and pray.

Among us are those who are broken;

...so we come trusting God to heal us.

Let us remember that Christ accompanies us, to grant us rest, to teach us, feed us, listen to us and grant us healing. Let us come in awe and with gratitude, to worship God.

Hymn:

Come and find the Quiet Centre

VU#374

- 1 Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

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Call to Confession

Rev. Limongi

Siblings in faith, let us come together to unburden ourselves with all that weighs us down. Let us heed the wisdom of that African American spiritual: *“gonna lay down my burdens, down by the riverside.”*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Limongi

Gracious and patient God, if there is one thing this time of pandemic has tried to teach us, it is that there is so much that we cannot control. We need to be reminded of this. Help us, O God, to stop striving to be in control. By your grace, may your Spirit reveal clearly to us what in our lives and thoughts and actions needs to be confessed and forgiven. May you forgive us, O ocean of grace and blessing. Provoke us to treasure times of rest, times to sit quietly and listen to the beautiful sounds of your Creation. Undermine our determination to crowd our lives with more and more activity. Please lead us by the hand to find quiet encounters with you, where we can be challenged and cherished by you. May you refresh our souls so that we may faithfully serve you and your will. Amen

(In silence, we offer our own confessions)

Receiving God's Forgiveness

Rev. Limongi

Choral Response: *Halle, Halle, Halle*

Time with Children and Youth

Rev. Bailey

Youth and Children's Song: **Jesus Bids Us Shine**

VU#585

- 1 Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

- 2 Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

- 3 Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

Alexandra Golod (*recorded*)

Responsive Lesson: Psalm 89:20-37

Rev. Bailey/Rev. Alcris

I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.
He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!’

I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.

I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.

If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,

if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,
then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;

but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.

I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.

His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies.”

The Gloria

VU#37

Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia (2x)

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Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:1-13

Rev. Bailey

Anthem: ***“Knowing You”***

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Message: **“Come With Me and Rest”**

Rev. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Bailey

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Announcements

Rev. Bailey/Rev. Limongi

Musical Selection

Debbie McGregor

*Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Bailey

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Limongi

***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 let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen***

**AND WE GO OUT TO
TESTIFY TO THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD**

Hymn:

He Leadeth Me

VU#657

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me!

2 Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. R

3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. R

4 And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
even death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. R

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*Benediction

Rev. Bailey

Musical Blessing

Debbie McGregor