

**St. Mark's United Church
Cannifton, Ontario
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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

We Cannot Keep from Singing Service

A Gathering Worship Service

by

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Gathering and Praise

Candle Lighting

—From A Song of Faith: A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

† Gathering Hymn # 245 VU “Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”

- 1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
 praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
 praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
 praise the Lord in the city square,
 praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
 praise the Lord in the dark of night
 praise the Lord in the rain or
 snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

- 2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Community News

Call to Worship

From the beginning of time, the universe has hummed with creative energy.
The rhythm of love pulses in our veins and echoes in our heartbeat.

With a breath, God began the whisper of life and it reverberates in our breathing.
We live and breathe and have our being in the One who called us into life.

And we raise our voices to this One with praise and gratitude.

† Introit # 315 VU “Holy, Holy, Holy”

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Reading:

Church Music by George Hebert (1633)

Opening Prayer & Confession

Hymn # 218 VU “We Praise You, O God”

- 2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Words of Grace

Hymn # 958 VU “Halle, Halle, Halle”

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (Repeat)

Reading: via Video

“A Music Poem by Betty Lynn Schwab (2008)

Hymn # 309 VU “Para, Para, Pitter Pat”

- 1 Para, para*, pitter pat,
 see it rain, see it rain;
para, para, pitter pat,
 tell me why it rains.
So the garden hard and dry
 will be softened by and by,
and the flowers one by one
 soon will see the sun.
- 2 Chira, chira*, wafting down,
 see it snow, see it snow;
chira, chira, wafting down,
 tell me why it snows.
So the branches everywhere
 will a snowy blanket wear;
warm and cosy they will stay,
 on a winter’s day.

3 Kira, kira*, little stars
see them shine, see them shine;
kira, kira, little stars,
tell me why you shine.
So that others travelling,
over roads a-darkening,
soon will find their pathways bright,
in the starry light.

4 Chuchu,* little bird,
hear it sing, hear it sing;
chuchu, little bird,
tell me why you sing.
So that others lonely,
listening to my melody,
in their hearts will hear me say,
“God love you today.”

* onomatopoeic Japanese words

Hearing God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Hymn # 501 VU “Break Now the Bread of Life”

1 Break now the bread of life, Saviour, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O Living Word.

2 Bless your own truth, dear Christ, to me, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all-in-all.

Responsive Psalm # 150

**Refrain: Praise to the Lord, hallelujah!
Everybody praise the Lord.**

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Praise God in the holy temple!

Praise God for mighty deeds!

Praise God for bountiful mercies,

Praise God who meets all our needs! R

Praise God with sound of trumpet!

Praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with timbrel and dancing!

Praise God wherever you are! R

Praise God with holy cymbals!

Praise God with strings and pipes!

Praise God with clash of cymbals!

Praise God with all your might! R

1 Chronicles 13: 5 – 8

Read by: Sheila Parks

Reflection

Hymn # 747 VU “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me,
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name’s sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou has furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God’s house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Hymn # 144 VU “Were You There”

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
 Tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
 Tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
 Tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Hymn # 710 VU “Shall We Gather at the River”

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God?
 **Yes, we'll gather at the river,
 the beautiful, the beautiful river;
 gather with the saints at the river
 that flows by the throne of God.**
- 2 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. **R**

Hymn # 664 VU “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and grief to bear!
What a privilege to carry

everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Hymn # 87 VU “I Am the Light of the World”

**“I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!”
If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

- 1 When the song of the angels is stilled,
 when the star in the sky is gone,
 when the kings and the shepherds have found
 their way home,
 the work of Christmas is begun. **R**
- 4 To bring hope to every task you do,
 to dance at a baby’s new birth,
 to make music in an old person’s heart,
 and sing to the colours of the earth! **R**

Responding to God’s Word

Prayers of Concerns and Thanks and Lord’s Prayer

Sung Response: Hymn # 18 MV “Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy tried and true;
With thanksgiving,
I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

960 - Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,

your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us..
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.

Offering to God

Hymn # 541 VU “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn # 586 VU “We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection”

- 1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.
- 2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Blessing & Sending Forth

You are God's beloved

We sing God's praises whether we are together or on our own.

No matter where we may be

The grace of God surrounds us,

The Love of Christ enfolds us,

The Power of the Holy Spirit supports us, now and forever more. Amen.

Sung Response: # 967 VU "Amen, Amen, Amen"

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Postlude

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