



Sunday, August 23rd, 2020 "Virtual Service"
~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ~

Worship Team: Rev. Dr. Pirie Mitchell, Koreen/McClure family, Karen Pincombe,
Mallory Brennan, Marilynne McNeil, May Cooper

Music Team: Karen Schuessler, Sheila Carson,
Senior Choir (John McFall, soloist)

VU = red hymnal Voices United
Please sing along at home; we have provided the lyrics!

We Gather Together

Prelude: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (arr. Hayes)

Karen Schuessler

Words of Welcome & Lighting of the Christ Candle

John Koreen, Patricia McClure, Gunnar & Beckett Koreen

Land Acknowledgement:

Land acknowledgement: We acknowledge Attawandaron (Add-a-won-da-run) peoples,
and other members of the Iroquois Nation and the Neutral Nation whose traditional lands
we are gathered upon today.

We Approach God

Call to Worship:

Rev. Pirie & Congregation

Pirie: We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

Cong: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Pirie: Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

Cong: Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again.

Pirie: The Love of God last forever!

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Rev. Pirie & Congregation

**Even from a place of exile, from the passion of despair, we trust O God in your power to
restore us, to enliven and empower us, to sooth and save us. You can turn a desert into**

Eden, sorrow into joy, and silence into singing. The heavens may vanish above and the earth dissolve underneath, but your salvation is forever. We wait for you, O God, attentive and hopeful, for with you, deliverance is always possible. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn:

VU 256 vs. 1 & 3

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessing without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
3. Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing.
May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

We Listen for God's Word

Learning with Children

Karen Pincombe

The Lord's Prayer (everyone is welcome to recite at home) (VU page 921)

Mallory Brennan

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 138 (Brandt's Paraphrase edition)
Romans 12:1-8

May Cooper
Marilynne McNeil

Congregational Response (in unison)

For the word of God in scripture, among us, and within us, thanks be to God.

Special Music: Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit (arr. Dawson)

Senior Choir (John McFall, soloist)
previously performed & recorded August 23, 2015
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIaACelx-k>

Message: Are we like a rock or plant?

Rev. Pirie

Hymn: Lord, Speak to Me

VU 589 vs. 1, 2, 4

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your straying children lost and lone.
2. O lead me, so that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, so that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.
4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflows
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Pirie

Hymn: Go to the World

VU 420 vs. 1, 2, 4

1. Go to the world! God into all the earth
God preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
2. Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Commissioning & Blessing

Rev. Pirie

Though we are many, remember that we are one body in Christ and members of one another.
Offer your gifts according to the grace given to you, as a living sacrifice to God.

May God who restores, Christ who calls, and the Spirit who empowers, bless you and increase
your joy and gladness, now and always.

Congregational Response (sung)

VU 298 v. 1

**When you walk from here,
When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy,
And with God's humble care.**

Postlude:

Karen Schuessler

WK Coffee Time:

Please stay tuned to hear who Glen Pearson or Jane Roy was speaking with this week!

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