



Sunday, June 20, 2021
~ Fourth Sunday of Pentecost ~
Virtual Service

Worship Team: Rev. Pirie Mitchell, Dan Leaver, Andrew Prentice and Gillian La Belle,
the Prentice/Ackland family

Music Team: Karen Schuessler
Jen Paterson (hymn leader),
Special Music: Senior Choir (previously recorded video)

***All components of the worship service are recorded at either the participants homes or in the church sanctuary,
in compliance with all pandemic guidelines.***

VU = Voices United hymnal MV = More Voices hymnal
Please sing along at home; we have provided the lyrics!
Music Credits: One License #A-738765

Prelude: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (Will L. Thompson, arr. Robert D. Vandall) Karen Schuessler

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church Rev. Pirie Mitchell

We welcome all of you to our worship service today. We are Wesley Knox United Church located in Wortley Village in the city of London Ontario Canada. We again celebrate the season of Pentecost this Sunday.

In the past two weeks we in London, Ontario have suffered with a terrible event which deliberately took the lives of four of our Canadian Muslim citizens. They were buried a week ago Saturday with each casket draped in the Canadian flag showing clearly that they were proud citizens of our country. We are still in a state of shock. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Muslim community. So today I have included words from the Muslim prayers to help us focus on this terrible deed.

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer Rev. Pirie Mitchell

We are reminded at this time that Judaism, Christianity and the Muslim faiths were descended from Abraham. We know God as God, the word for God is Yahweh for the Jews, and Allah for the Muslims.

We are clearly related to and connected with each other. Let us join together and recite the morning prayer revered in the Muslim community.

We have reached the morning, and all sovereignty remains with Allah this morning, and all praise is for Allah. There is no true God except Allah, alone, without a partner. To Him belongs all sovereignty and praise and He has power over all things. My Lord, I ask You for the good in this day and the good of what follows it, and I seek refuge in You from the evil in this day and the evil of what follows it. My Lord, I seek refuge in You from laziness and from the harms of old age. My Lord, I seek refuge in You from torment in the Fire and punishment in the grave.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Dan Leaver

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Pirie Mitchell

We acknowledge the lands on which our church stands in London Ontario Canada as lands previously occupied by indigenous people: the Chippewa Nation, the Oneida Nation, the Delaware and Neutral nations, and the Huron nation.

Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers

VU 580 verses 1, 2, & 4

1. Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
whene'er we hear that glorious word:
faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.
2. Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real:
faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.
4. Faith born of God, O call us yet;
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Learning with Children

Dan Leaver

Lord's Prayer (in unison) (VU page 921)

Andrew Prentice and Gillian La Belle

**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.**

Readings

Scripture reading: Job 38: 1-11
Scripture reading: Psalm 107: 1-3
Scripture reading: Mark 4: 35-41

Brad Prentice
Susan Ackland
Joan Ackland

Special Music: Distant Land (John Rutter)

[Previously recorded in 2015 by the Senior Choir]

Message: Quelling the Storm

Rev. Pirie Mitchell

Hymn: The Church is Wherever God's People Are Praising

VU 579 all verses

1. The church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.
2. The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.
3. The Church is wherever God's people are loving,
building community in their own place.
The Church is wherever conveying the Gospel
brings comfort and blessing with kindness and grace.

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Pirie Mitchell

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O God, we recognize the universality of human kind and the brotherhood and sisterhood of each of us. In order to quell the storms of society we need to participate in the community building all around us. Let our gifts go to that end. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Pirie Mitchell

Again, we include two prayers based on words from the Quran, the Muslim holy book. *"O God, forgive our living and our dead, those who are present among us and those who are absent, our young and our old, our males and our females. O God, whoever You keep alive, keep them alive in Islam, and whoever You cause to die, cause him or her to die with faith.*

O Allah, forgive all of us and elevate our station among those who are guided. Send us along the path of those who came before, and forgive us, O Lord of the worlds. Enlarge for us the memory of those who have gone before and shed your light upon us.

We need to be on the page of forgiveness this week as well for our Indigenous brothers and sisters. The discovery of the 215 children in the Kamloops Residential School call us to rethink the old ways when it come to Indians. New respect, new relationships, forgiveness from them to us, are all called for at this time. Be with us as we climb that old mountain. O God, you sent us Jesus of Nazareth, your son, to teach us the ways of love and forgiveness. Help us learn. Help us become a brother and sister of the men and women of our Aboriginal neighbours and our Muslim neighbours. Help us mend our ways. Amen.

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me

VU 567 verses 1, 2, 4, 5

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
5. Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Commissioning & Benediction

Rev. Pirie Mitchell

Response (in unison)

VU 298

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

Postlude: Prelude, Op. 43, No. 1 (Reinhold Glière)

Karen Schuessler