



July 19, 2020

DRAWING NEAR TO PERSEVERE

Welcome, Candle Lighting (Chad)

Call to Worship (said by those at home)

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
He is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.
Psalm 95:1-3, 6

God's Greeting (Chad)

Song: Shout to the Lord

Prayer of Confession (written by Beth Merrill Neel, read by Mary Jean Mulder)

Holy God, hear our prayer:
For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;
For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;
For the forgiveness we need, because of the sin we have allowed to persist;
For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,
The strength to amend our actions,
And the hope that your grace awaits us.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance: (based on Hebrews 10:22), read by Mary Jean Mulder

The book of Hebrews tells us that we can
"come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith,
with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience
and with bodies washed with clean water."
Through God's love in Christ we are made clean and forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
~ from Caring for Creation, posted on the United Church of Canada website.

Songs: In Christ Alone

That Will be Glory for Me (birthday song for Dena Bosgra)

Children's Time

Children's Song: Hold Me Jesus (Emily Prins)

Scripture: Hebrews 10:11-25

Sermon: Drawing Near to Persevere. (Chad)

- “Vinyl Café” producer Stuart McLean once wrote an article lamenting the loss of newspapers. Why?
 - “This act of _____ is arguably as important as the _____.”
 - Do you intentionally consume the same media as your friends and family? Why or why not?

- Christians have long seen the importance of meeting together. Why?
 - How many plural pronouns are in Hebrews 10:19-25? Does that surprise you?
 - How are we working to be “shaped by the same story”?

- The world needs our message more than ever because is it a message of _____ and _____.
 - Has that been true for you? Why or why not? If so, how?

- “It is important for us to be conscious of our intake of information.” Why?
 - How will you be more intentional about shaping your life around this story?

Song: Living Hope

Prayers of the People and Offering (Chad)

Parting Blessing (Chad)

Song: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow