

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Welcome

Song: Be Still For the Presence of the Lord

Call to Worship: Here We Are

God whispers to each of us:

you are my beloved,
created in love for love.

**My spirit answers,
Here I am, Lord.**

Speak to me anew.

God breathes on us the Holy Spirit,
knitting many members into one body,
the body of Christ.

**Together we answer,
Here we are Lord.**

Come, Holy Spirit.

God has yet more vision for the people.
Who will work for God to extend God's kingdom
into our hurting world?

Here we are Lord.

Empower us for your work.

God calls the small, and helps them do great things.
God calls the weak, and reveals their hidden gifts.
God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes to their worth.

Here we are Lord, humble and waiting.

Then let us gather, old and young, small and great,
to dream God's dreams,
receive God's power,
and do God's deeds.

Here we are Lord.

Shine the light of your love on us.

Kindle your Spirit within us.

**Work your redeeming will in us,
that all the world may be one
through the power of your love. Amen.**

Song: Jesus Strong and Kind

God's Greeting

We Greet Each Other

Songs: Ancient of Days

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, why is it that we can grow so weary of doing what is right,
yet always energetically do that which we know is harmful
to us and others?

We sow seeds of hurt and anger,
and wonder why we harvest so much bitterness.
We spend too much time comparing ourselves to those around us,
and too few moments in following Christ's example.

Rather than letting our sins gloat over us, Healing God,
we would open ourselves to your mercy and grace.
As you reach out to heal us with your forgiveness,
may we embrace your love, your mercy, your grace for our lives.
As you pour out your Spirit of gentleness,
may we bring the peace of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ, to all the world.

*A time of silence as we reflect on our own brokenness and hurt,
and that of the world.*

Assurance of Pardon (based on John 3:17)

Hear and believe these words of grace:
God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him. (John 3:17)
And so we declare:

In Jesus Christ we are loved, we are forgiven!

And knowing this,

We also declare:

**We will not be silent,
but will sing our joy to the One who has forgiven us
and made us a new creation.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song: Living Hope

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 7:1-12

Sermon: **Relationships that Encourage**

Song: Instruments of Your Peace

Congregational Prayer

Offerings 1. Woody Nook Ministries

 2. Pregnancy Care Centre

Offertory: Goodness of God

God's Parting Blessing

Song: The Blessing