

Sunday, January 12, 2025

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Reader: Murray Lockhart

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WELCOME AND CALL TO THE GATHERED

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: VU# 395 "Come In and Sit Down"

Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family. We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

1. You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family. **Refrain:**
2. God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family. **Refrain:**
3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine; we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family. **Refrain:**
4. There's rest for the weary and health for us all; there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small. So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family. **Refrain:**

OPENING PRAYER: read by Murray Lockhart

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: As we light this Christ candle may it remind us that God is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: MV#21 "Open Our Hearts"

Open our hearts. Open our minds. Open our lives to you O loving God. Open our hearts.

THEME CONVERSATION:

SCRIPTURE:

HYMN: MV#1 "Let Us Build a House"

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell ow hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions: **All are welcome, all are welcome
all are welcome in this place.**
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grae;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **All are welcome, all are welcome
all are welcome in this place.**
3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat,
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **All are welcome, all are welcome
all are welcome in this place.**

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: **All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place.**
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place.**

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS and SPECIAL MUSIC: "Waiting" from the cantata Night of the Father's Love

SUNG RESPONSE: VU#136 "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace" (verses 1, 5)

1. When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.
5. Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise. When all are joined as one, we'll be your able, strong community.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER read by Murray Lockhart

CLOSING HYMN: VU#232 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

1. Joyful, joyful we adore you God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain sound their praise eternally.
3. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: "Go In Love"

Go in love; have no fear. God will guide you, God is always near. Go in love; take God's hand. God will hear you, God will understand. May God's light forever shine upon you; may God's peace be always in your heart. Go in love; face each day. God will lead you, God will show the way. Go in love and live in faith. Amen.

POSTLUDE: