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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



May 3, 2020 – Third Sunday after Easter

Welcome!

Welcome to worship!

*We hope it will be a quiet space for you as you prepare
to spend time with God amid life's busyness and storms.*

We honour each other's desire for peace as we gather.

We're glad you're here!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* Please rise in body and/or Spirit as you are able.

*We acknowledge that we are on
the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral,
Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.*

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude Lean on Me (performed by Canadian Artists)

Opening Hymn Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU 374

*Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!*

Call to Worship *adapted from prayer by Thom Shuman*

One: Day by day, God leads us:

**All: to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

One: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**All: to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

One: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**All: the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

One: Let us come together to worship our God.

Opening Prayer (*Psalm 23, John 10*)

**All: Shepherding God, bring us into your fold.
Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls.
Help us see the way we should go,
the way we should live.
Help us hear your voice calling our name.
Enliven this time of worship,
that we may find true life
as we join with others in this different way of living
out our faith,
of being church,
praising your name,
celebrating your great goodness,
sharing your love for all people,
coming together now in song as we sing the
prayer that Jesus taught us:
Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be 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, and the power
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Story Time Just be Nice to your little friends!
written by Caroline Kenneth

Hymn It's a Song of Praise to the Maker MV 30

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Scripture Reading Acts 2:42-47 (CEV)

Anthem **The Lord is My Shepherd**
Sir Stanley Spencer, John Rutter

Reflection We're in this together

Hymn **Draw the Circle Wide** MV 145

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory **Try a Little Kindness**
with Jann Arden and Doane USchool

*** Offering Response ***

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

Prayers of the People Praise Song for the Pandemic
(video)

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*** Closing Hymn** Deep In Our Hearts MV 154

*Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
Telling Creation that we are one.*

*Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal,
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
Justice and peace in harmony.*

*Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
Flowing to freedom like a stream.*

*Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
Telling Creation that we are one.*

Commissioning

May you be safe.
May you be healthy,
May you be happy.
May you know that you are loved.

*** Choral Benediction**

Go Now in Peace

*Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price ©1988)

Postlude

What the World Needs Now

Dionne Warwick