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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



October 25, 2020 – Mission Sunday - oneRoof

# Welcome!

Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here!

#### WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

\* Please remain seated for all of service.\*

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

#### Welcome & Announcements

# Prelude

# **Call to Worship**

- One: Love God with all your heart (gesture to heart)
- All: Love your neighbour as yourself.
- One: Love God with all your mind (gesture to head).
- All: Love your neighbour as yourself.
- One: Love God with all your strength (make a muscle)
- All: Love your neighbour as yourself.
- One: We worship God with our whole being (designate whole body),
- All: Love your neighbour as yourself.
- One: In Deuteronomy, the story of Moses unfolded into the story of Joshua. In God, even our endings find new beginnings.
- All: For God is the One in whom all dwell, and new hope is found with each new day, for God's story goes on.

**Opening Prayer** *adapted from a prayer by Anne M. Osdieck* One: Love God and neighbour...

Lord, let this be true. Let this be our norm. Show us how. Let your love be the lens that lets us see, the search that takes us where we go, the power that enlivens our lives, the light that points to the path, and the very grace that saves us. O God, as we listen to stories, familiar to our own lives, and those that are new to us, kindly fill us with your love. Amen

Hymn Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your LoveVU 593 Refrain Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain

2 Neighbours are rich and poor, varied in colour and race, neighbours are near and far away. Refrain

3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, all are neighbours to us and you. Refrain

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. Refrain

Story Time Who is My Neighbour? Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasson Illustrated by Denise Turu

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Readings from Scripture (CEB) Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. One of them, a legal expert, tested him. "Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

He replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest

commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands." Now as the Pharisees were gathering, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" "David's son," they replied.

He said, "Then how is it that David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, called him Lord when he said, The Lord said to my lord, 'Sit at my right side until I turn your enemies into your footstool'? If David calls him Lord, how can he be David's son?" Nobody was able to answer him. And from that day forward nobody dared to ask him anything.

# Sharing the Story of oneRoof

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

# Offertory You Are Loved

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

**VU595** 

#### Hymn

We Are Pilgrims

- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
  - 5 When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
  - 6 Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

#### Commissioning

\* Sung Blessing – Wherever You May Go

Postlude

#### Announcements

**oneRoof** – We begin our collection today in support of oneRoof as they are having challenges raising the required operating funds. We will be collecting needed items (clothing, hygiene, food) from October 25th until Thursday, November 26th when once again we will be at the church from 6:00 PM to7:30 PM for final donations of items. We hope to obtain significant financial donations in support of oneROOF. Thank you for finding ways of supporting this important service in our community.

**Food Drive** – Thank you to all those who were able to contribute to our Food Drive! We were able to donate a truck filled with 346 lbs of food as well as \$420! Great work all!

**Next Week** – November 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am - We will be sharing in the Sacrament of Communion during our Youtube service – however we are having a special 'Kid-munion' at 11:00am. We invite children and youth to join us on Zoom (link will be provided) to connect with one another, share in Communion, and reconnect ©

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Remembrance Service – We will observe the tradition of a virtual remembrance service this year as with gratitude and grace we give thanks for those who served in the quest for peace.