

CUMMER AVENUE UNITED CHURCH



Kindness • Justice • Hope

*We are an inclusive Christian community celebrating God's presence
as we work to enrich lives and transform our world.*

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Sunday, August 2, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Ninth after Pentecost

bold face type: congregational response
VU: Voices United, MV: More Voices,

*As we gather today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture,
and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous people of this region,
most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who are
Anishinaabe Ojibwe people. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right
relations with them as we live, work, and worship upon their
traditional territory. We are also mindful of broken covenants and the
need to strive to make right with all our relations.*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Musical Meditation:

Come, O Thou Traveller Unknown - Wesley

Music: This Day God Gives Me (VU#410, vv. 1,2&4)

Gathering Words:

People of God, let your faces shine with the joy of a new day;
for in our faces the light of God's love shines forth!
People of God, lay the struggles of the week aside, but do not
deny them;
**for it can be through our struggles that God is revealed to
us most deeply.**

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People of God, let us join together in worship;
**for it is in our worship that God can know our hearts and
minds.**

People of God, let us raise our voices in word and prayer;
for it is through our voices that the song of God is heard.
Come, let us encounter God with us. Let us worship.
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Opening Prayer:

Holy Presence,
we know you are with us, yet we long to see you face to face.
We breathe, and it is you filling our lungs and beings with life.
We wonder, and it is you who teases our imaginations and
delights our senses.
We strive, and it is you who calls us forth in the desire to be in
communion with others and this magnificent planet.
We struggle, and it is you who heals and renews us – body,
mind, and spirit.
And still, yet, we long to see you face to face. We wrestle, Holy
Presence, with this longing.
In our worship, help us to know and experience your presence
so fully our longings are quenched, and our spirits renewed.
Amen.

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Music: God of All the World (MV#22)

Bible Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

*Jacob struggles at night with a mysterious assailant as he returns to
the land of promise.*

Reflection: - Rev. Cheryl-Lynn MacPherson

Music: Jacob Struggled for a Blessing (*tune: 'Beach Spring' VU#374*)

Offering

Prayer of Dedication:

For the ways we can see, feel, touch, smell, speak of, and taste your kindness and generosity to us, we give and rejoice. Bless our giving, we pray, that it might become an encounter with you beyond this moment and place. We thank you for being willing to wrestle with us. And we praise you for showing us a new day. Amen.

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Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Jesus

(You are invited to pray in the language of your choice)

**Loving God in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Music: Be Thou My Vision (VU#642, vv.1,3&5)

Words for the Journey:

In your face is the face of God. Go now and let it shine.

In your hand is the hand of God.

Go now and open it in sharing and caring.

In your heart is the heart of God.

Let it break open in compassion.

In your life is the life of God.

Live it with joyful thanksgiving.

Go in peace. Amen.

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Closing Music: Hornpipe (from 'Water Music Suite') - Handel

We leave this time of worship knowing that we are not alone. While we cannot be together in body, we can continue to be together in spirit. Reach out. Call a friend. Call a neighbour. Share Kindness, Justice and Hope wherever you can.

Lyrics

This Day God Gives Me (VU#410, vv. 1,2&4)

This day God gives me
strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining,
flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning,
wind in its swiftness,
deeps of the ocean,
firmness of earth.

This day God sends me
strength to sustain me,
might to uphold me,
wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful,
your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking,
Friend at my side.

Rising, I thank you,
mighty and strong One,
King of creation,
giver of rest,
firmly confessing
Threeness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead,
Trinity blest.

God of All the World (MV#22)

God of all the world,
we have come to give you thanks
and become more like you.
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we have come to give you thanks
and become more like you.
In worship we long to be one
with each other and you.

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Jacob Struggled for a Blessing (tune: 'Beach Spring' VU#374)

Jacob struggled for a blessing
in the darkness all night long,
holding tightly to a stranger —
could he hear a distant song?
God of every person's future,
you gave him a change of name:
give to us a new direction
out of struggle, out of pain.

Jesus struggled in the garden
in the night of blood and tears.
He was lonely in the darkness,
though there was an angel near.
God of hope and transformation,
it took tears and pains and death
to destroy the power of evil,
to give us the Spirit's breath.

When we struggle in the darkness,
take away our fear and doubt.
In the dirt beneath the surface,
quiet seeds begin to sprout.
God of great surprise and mystery,
make us constant in our prayer.
As we ask and search for answers,
may we come to know your care.

Be Thou My Vision (VU#642, vv.1,3&5)

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my battleshield, sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.