St. John's United Church July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 8<sup>th</sup> After Pentecost Rev. Stephen Sparks

# HYMN SING

# GREETINGS, WELCOMING NEWCOMERS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

# CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Look, I am living in a cedar-wood palace, while the ark of God is under awnings.

Many: Are you to build me a Temple for me to live? I have never lived in a house from the day when I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until today, but have kept travelling with a tent for shelter.

# PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of all, as we build our lives with the kaleidoscope of rooms and corridors within which we dwell and serve, may Christ be the cornerstone by which we take our measure. Amen

HYMN # 326 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Next Week: July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Greeter: Sharon Hebert & Patti Skuba Scripture: Judy Inman

#### BENEDICTION

One: Holy and eternal God, out of the storms of the world we came into this quiet place to worship you our abiding Refuge.

# Many: Thanks be unto you for silence which unfolds strength and for tranquility leading us to things deep and true.

One: Meet with us here in the inner place of our spirits and refresh us with your living presence.

# All: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**RECESSIONAL # 298** When You Walk from Here When you walk from here, when you walk from here, walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.

#### THE PASSING OF PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you. One: Let us greet one another in the love of God.

## **CHILDREN'S STORY**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, we recognize the times and ways we put distance between ourselves and you, between ourselves and others. We recognize the times and ways we build walls that separate us from each other and you. Amen

#### (Please stand)

All: Almighty God, do not remain silent. Do not be unmoved or unresponsive to our needs: hear our prayer and answer it.

One: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER RESPONSE M.V. #79

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving, Spirit, open my heart.

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#### PARDON AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Creator and Saviour God: Giver and Renewer of Life: We give You thanks for Your grace and mercy by which the burden of sin and guilt has been lifted from us. Blessed are you, God, most Holy, now and forever. Amen

#### CHORAL RESPONSE # 377 (vs. 4)

Holy Spirit, help us daily by your might, what is wrong to conquer, and to choose the right.

HYMN # 365 Jesus Loves Me

RESPONSIVE READING Ps. # 89:20-37 Pg. 592

#### **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen

HYMN # 1 (M.V.) Let Us Build a House (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER # 959

#### **OFFERING**

OFFERING HYMN # 583 vs. 1 Dedication For the gift of creation, the gift of your love, and the gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 7:1-14a Pg. 305 Ephesians 2:11-22 Pg. 241 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Pg. 53-54

#### **SERMON**

HYMN # 595 We Are Pilgrims (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)