

**St. John's United Church  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
20<sup>th</sup> After Pentecost  
Rev. Stephen Sparks**

**HYMN SING**

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

**MINUTES FOR MISSION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Please show me your glory.

**Many: I shall make all my goodness pass before you, and before you I shall pronounce the name Yahweh; and I am gracious to those whom I am gracious and I take pity on those on whom I take pity.**

One: But my face you cannot see, for no human being can see me and survive.

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**Lover of justice, you set us on a path to freedom marked by the signposts of your goodness and mercy. Even when we fall short, you remain faithful, inviting us into right relationship. Help us to live as your people that we may be the witness to justice and freedom you would have us be. Amen.**

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**Next Week: October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Greeter: Joyce Drapaka & Sonja Stryski

Scripture: Sonja Stryski

## SERMON

### HYMN # Special Presentation

### 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 # 477 (vs 5)

**Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.**

### HYMN # 714 Come, We That Love (vs 1, 4)

### 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

One: Loving God, we have looked for you in the wrong places, and have missed your presence when it has been right here. We have created gods out of powers and principalities; we have bowed before wealth and privilege; and we have admired the external glamour that comes with excess and easy access.

**Many: But we have missed your presence in meekness and diversity; we have walked right past your essence in mutual need and interdependence; and we have neglected to notice the divine beauty of internal grace and shared love.**

One: Forgive us, we pray and help us to see you all around. Free us from our bondage to fear and greed.

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Reveal yourself in all your glory and guide us in the ways of mercy and goodness. Teach us to see, hear, feel, and know your presence today and always. 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 # 65 (M.V.) When We Are Tested**  
**When we are tested and wrestle alone, famished for bread when the world offers stone, nourish us God, by your word and your way, food that sustains us by night and by day.**

**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 # 106 (M.V.) I Am the Dream You are the word and I the echo. You are the leader and I am the led. You are the joy and I the laughter. You are the Rock on which I lay my head.**

**HYMN # 161 (M.V.) I Have Called You by Your Name (vs. 1, 3)**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm # 99 Pg. 819**

**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 # 509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (vs. 1,3)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER # 959**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN # 603 vs. 1 Dedication**

**In loving partnership we come, seeking, O God, your will to do. Our prayers and actions now receive; we freely offer them to you.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Exodus 33:12-23 Pg. 91**

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Pg. 256-257**

**Matthew 22:15-22 Pg. 32-33**

