



Tri-Church Summer Worship

Lakeview, Sunset & Wesley United Churches

4th Sunday after Pentecost – June 28, 2020

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WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Lighting the Christ Candle

This candle dances with the presence of the Spirit,
Reminding us of the warmth of community,
Three churches gathered as one.

As this joint community
We affirm that God calls us to gather,
And as the flame of wisdom,
Insight and divine love flickers,
We worship the One who gathers us.

Hymn: MV#61 I Praise You, O God

I praise you, O God, with all my heart
With all the earth I will sing your praises

Call to Worship:

All God's children are welcome and wanted here,
No matter your need.
God will give you rest from your weariness,
Comfort from your pain,
Balm for your soul, food for your mind,
And hope for your tomorrow.
God's ability to tend and nurture,
Calm and inspire,
Knows no bounds and never ends.
Let us open our hearts and minds
To God's loving-kindness and welcome.
Let us be God's loving-kindness and welcome
For each other as we worship together, apart.

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Opening Prayer

**We offer you, O God, our whole selves:
Our flawed and quirky,
incomplete but striving selves.
Awaken us to discover the unique service
You've placed into our lives.
Encourage us to accept the opportunities
For helping and healing that lie before us.
Thank you for accepting us
Just as we are,**

**And using us to live your love in the world.
Amen.**

Hymn: VU#389 God is Here (verses 1, 2, & 4)

God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit,
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

God of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel;
Help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you,

We adore you! We believe.

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Prayer Seeking Reconciliation

God of Surprises,
You send us your messages,
And show us your grace in surprising
And sometimes confusing ways.
You send us strangers because you know
That they have something to teach us
Through their presence.
Yet, too often, we are frightened by strangers
Or discount their wisdom,
Instead of seeing them as your messengers.
Forgive us, O God.
Help us to notice you in every person
And in every circumstance that we encounter.

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(time of silence to offer personal prayers)

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Sung Response: MV#97 Listen, God is Calling

(Listen) Listen, God is calling,
Through the word inviting,

Offering forgiveness, Comfort and joy.

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Sharing the Story

Hymn: MV#46 Bless The Lord

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my Soul, bless God's holy name.

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Remember the kindness of our God,
Who showers us with blessing all our days.

Remember the justice of our God,
Who stands with those forgotten and confused

Remember the healing love of God,
Who calls us to be whole and to be free.

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WE LISTEN

Scripture: Matthew 10: 40-42

Reflection

Special Music

Dedication of Gifts shared during the pandemic

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(sung VU#959)

Hymn: MV#1 Let Us Build a House

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness,

And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and vision heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

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Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Amen

Postlude