



October 4, 2020 9:30 a.m. Live Stream Worship World Communion Sunday

Meditation Thought

"A tree does not stop growing because the wind blew off a few of its leaves."

— Matshona Dhliwayo Zimbabwean-born/Canadian-based Philosopher

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.

We come on your invitation, seeking to be fed.

Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ.

We come on your invitation, needing healing.

Be healed by God's gracious mercy.

We come on your invitation, longing for forgiveness

In Jesus' Name, you are loved, healed and forgiven.

Alleluia, Praise be to God. Amen.

Hymn *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* (vss. 1,2,4,5) # 436 New Century Hymnal

**God of grace and god of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior’s ways,
from the fears that long have bound us- free our hearts for faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christ-like graces, in the fight to set up free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
in the quest for liberty, in the quest for liberty.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.**

Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

**Loving God, present and near. You are beyond our words and our understanding.
Help us to remember that You are at once infinite, boundless, timeless and eternal
but, at the same time, intimately entwined with our lives.**

You are with us no matter where we find ourselves.

When we have forgotten You,

Lord, have mercy.

When we have failed to speak words of love,

Lord, have mercy.

When we have neglected the need of another,

Lord, have mercy.

**Loving God, present and near, help us to recognize Your presence and nearness with us
as we worship together. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught his disciples to pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Music Offering *“Tambourin”* Gossec Virginia Barunas, *Flutist*

Scripture: Philippians 3: 4b - 14

Message: *"Pressing On"*

Music for Reflection Virginia Barunas, *Flutist*

Pastoral Prayer

Communion Hymn *"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"* # 342 NCH

**Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
O Savior, stay with us and spread your table in our heart.**

**Here share with us in love divine, your body and your blood;
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us.
Grow in us that we may nourish others.
Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

Hymn *"Like a Tree beside the Waters"* # 313 NCH (to the tune HYFRYDOL)

Jeremiah 17: 7-8 "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted beside the water, sending out its roots by the stream.

**Like a tree beside the waters, nurtured by your loving care,
We, O God, your sons and daughters, your enduring witness bear.
In each passing generation may your voice of love be heard.
Bless, we pray, this congregation with your holy, living Word.**

**Like a tree beside the river, drawing life from holy streams,
Fill us with your love forever; recreate our hopes and dreams.
Through the storms of life sustain us by the wisdom of your grace.
May the changing of the seasons find us in your warm embrace.**

**We, beside the living waters, drink from your eternal life.
Give to all, your sons and daughters, faith that rises over strife.
O Living God, most glorious, strengthen us for life today.
By the hope of timeless promise guide your church upon the Way.**

Benediction

God Be with You

God be with you 'til we meet again
By God's counsels guide uphold you
With God's sheep securely fold you.
God be with you 'til we meet again.

Postlude



Our altar flowers this week are shared with us by Peter and Alida Millham in loving memory of their parents.



Announcements

Prayer Requests: Please post prayers as early as possible today during the service. If you're watching today's service on YouTube you may send in your prayer requests via the comment section on the YouTube page. Also, you may post your prayers on the Prayer Wall on the website and throughout the week please remember to contact Pastor Neil if you have needs to share. While we may not be able to be together and pray by your side physically, we do want to be in prayer with you.

Outdoor Worship Service today at 10:45 a.m
And remember to wear your masks and practice safe distances!

October Devotionals Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84318674658?pwd=akg4d0twN3NIMmpncU5CMGpOcEhzZz09>
Meeting ID: 843 1867 4658
Passcode: 616976
Dial by your location
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Church office hours
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9 AM – 3 PM

October Book Study will be on the 16th at 12 noon.

This month's book is "*Before We Were Yours*"

Click on the link here to join the discussion

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85934678025?pwd=MWkwNzdYMENPQzZaVmFQZ0l0c1kwQT09>

Meeting ID: 859 3467 8025

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