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Rev. Catherine Schuyler, Pastor  
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music  
Lois Muller, Liturgist

## GATHERING

*Would I Have Answered When You Called*

Trad. English Melody/ arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*Welcome, v. 1*

W&S #3152

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In sunshine and in showers

**The Lord is God.**

In hard times and in times of ease

**The Lord is with us.**

When the path before us is overgrown and we can't see which way to go,

**The Lord guides us and leads us through.**

And so, whether we come with tears or whether we come rejoicing,

**We come to worship. Alleluia! Amen.**

## \*HYMN

*Shout to the Lord*

FWS #2074

## \*INVOCATION

**Gracious Lord, you have called us together to be your church, witnesses to your presence, your truth, and your love. Come among us this morning in the compassion of your Holy Spirit, filling this church with reconciliation and love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-31

## ANTHEM

*Morning Hymn, C. Young*

The Chancel Choir; *Sharon Lensky, soprano soloist*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Peter 3:13-22

**\*GOSPEL READING**

John 14:15-21

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.****CHILDRENS' SERMON****\*HYMN***In Christ Alone*

W&amp;S #3105

**SERMON***Accountable for Hope***CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE***Amen, Ringwald*

The Chancel Choir

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***from UC Canada*

UMH #883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.****We believe in God:****who has created and is creating,****who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and  
make new,****who works in us and others by the Spirit.****We trust in God.****We are called to be the church:****to celebrate God's presence,****to love and serve others,****to seek justice and resist evil,****to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.****In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.****We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.****LITANY FOR MOTHERS****Left Side: We pray, O God, for our mothers, who have given us life and love. May we respond with thanks, reverence, and more love.**

Right Side: In thanksgiving, O God, we pray for children, who have blessed the lives of mothers and fathers with joy, laughter, and hope for the future.

**We remember mothers who have lost a child through death, and for women who have hoped for children but are childless, praying that their faith may give them hope, and that they may not bear their sorrow alone.**

We remember before you women, some without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us.

**We pray, O God, for grace and forgiveness for mothers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families.**

We pray, O God, for families where there are broken relationships between mothers and children; we ask for the presence of your healing spirit among them.

*Together: Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your church. Bless all those who care, who nurture, who discipline, who love. Let the example of their faith and compassion shine forth. Grant that we, as sons and daughters blessed by love, may honor them always with the spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**PRAYER HYMN**

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

UMH #465

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

*Awesome God*

FWS #2040

The Chancel Choir & Congregation

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

**\*PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**Gracious God, you have given us life itself in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We respond with our gifts, our hearts, and our lives. Accept and consecrate them for the glory of your Kingdom, in Christ's name. Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*He Lives*

UMH #310

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Let Us Now Depart in thy Peace*

UMH #668

*Our worship has ended; our service begins.*

(\* ) Please stand as you are comfortable.

**WELCOME, VISITORS!**

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. There's a Visitor Center in the room to the right of the sanctuary with information and a welcome packet. If you'd like to share your name and address, you may use the QR code, or sign the guest book in the Visitor Center.



## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- Church Council Meeting – Monday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.

## **PRAYER GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES**

- Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom starting again May 13
- Friday Ladies' Small Group, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Saturday Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. via Zoom

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We'll share our prayer concerns aloud in worship. The ushers have microphones to bring to you to share. If you'd prefer, you may add a written prayer request to the offering plate.

## **CONCERNS & COMMITMENTS:**

Whenever the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, the Spirit of God is at work. If you have been touched by God and desire to make a commitment to Christ and to His Church or you would like to have the pastor pray with/for you, please speak with her.

**Service is In-Person or on Zoom**

**ZOOM:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>

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