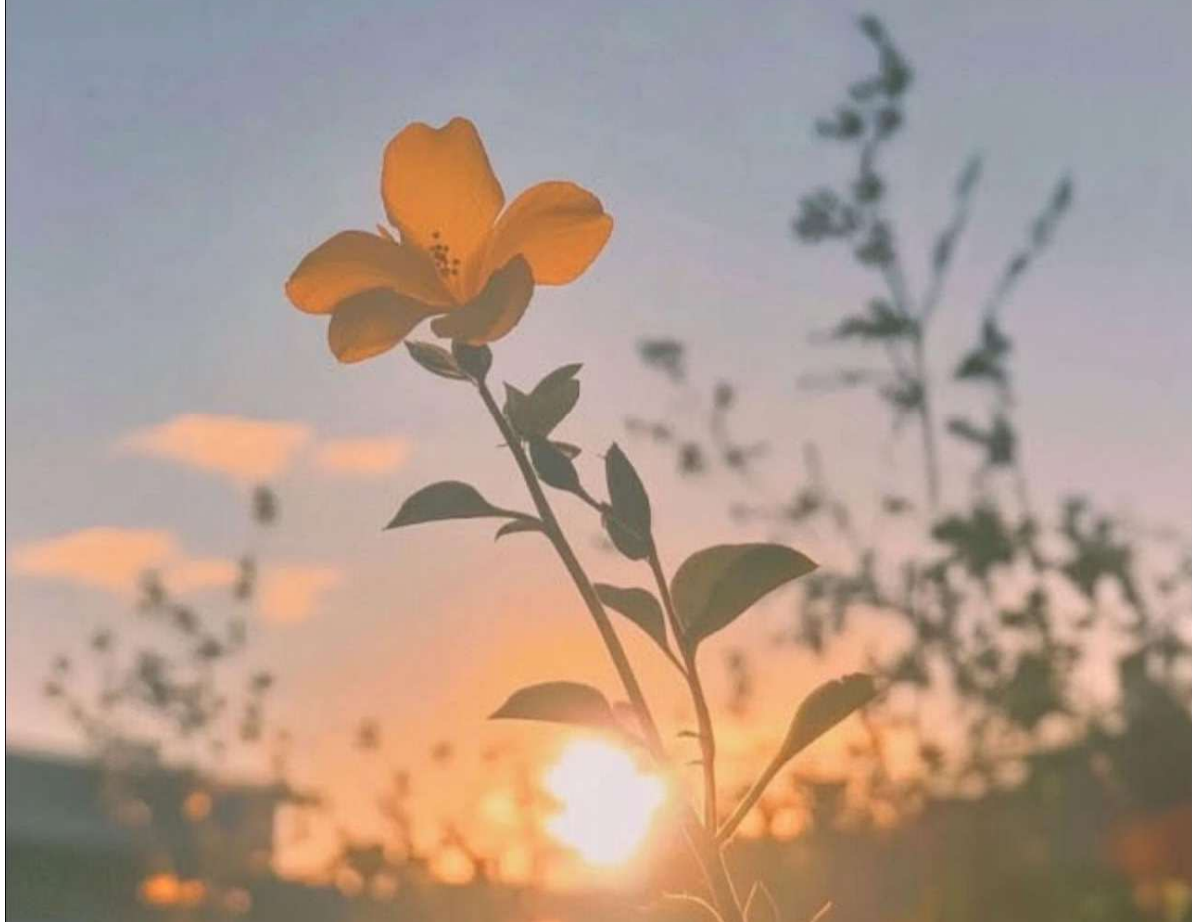


HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS
WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE
TOGETHER IN UNITY!

-PSALM 133:1



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GATHERING

Lord God, Your Love Has Led Us Here, Carey

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

Welcome, v. 1

Worship & Song #3152

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Life is complex; how do we begin to understand?

God's love is our foundation.

Decisions are difficult; how do we make good choices?

God's love is our model.

The future can seem bleak; how do we face tomorrow?

God's love is our hope.

For love and in love we give God thanks and praise.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN SING

*INVOCATION

Pour out your Spirit on our hearts today, O Lord. Open them to your grace; stretch them as they learn to forgive; expand them to accept and share your love. For we would walk in the ways of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI

United Methodist Hymnal #71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our eyes, Lord, to the wisdom you offer us. Open our ears to hear your word, and through your word, to hear your love. Open our lives to your grace, that we might follow you in all we do. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

CHANGE THE WORLD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 133

United Methodist Hymnal #850

***GOSPEL READING** *Matthew 15:21-28*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *The Gift of Love* United Methodist Hymnal #408

SERMON *Forgiveness Is Ridiculous*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *UC of Canada* United Methodist Hymnal #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.

PRAYER HYMN *Bind Us Together* The Faith We Sing #2226

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* United Methodist Hymnal #133

Congregational Hymn

***DOXOLOGY** United Methodist Hymnal #94

***PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Our gifts, our hearts, our lives are yours, O God. Consecrate them and use them as instruments of your peace. In Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* The Faith We Sing # 2171

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, vv.3-4* The Faith We Sing #2171

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

- Finance Committee – Monday, August 17 at 7:00 pm
- Vision & Outreach – Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 pm
- Nominations – Thursday, August 20 at 7:00 pm
- Church Council – Monday, August 24 at 7:00 pm
- Cooperative Parish – Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm

PRAYER GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES

- Bible Study – Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
- Ladies' Small Group – Friday, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom



We share food with our hungry neighbors through the work of the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. All non-perishable food is welcome. There's a [new wish-list on Amazon](#) for the summer. The link is also on the church website.

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.

LECTORS SCHEDULED

August 16 Faustina Gyedu
August 23 Karen Gierie Newman
August 30 Lois Muller

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

August 16 Amanda & Barbara F
August 23 Rita & John
August 30 UWF

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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