



Sunday June 13, 2010

10:30am

Cooperating Congregations Picnic

WELCOME AND GATHERING

Gathering Music

Praise Band

Welcome

Opening Hymn

VU412 **This is the Day**

Mary Jay - Trumpet

Verses 1& 4

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Verse 2

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

Verse 3

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

Call to Worship

Passing the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be always with you!

All: **And also with you!**

“REMEMBERING”

Versicle: Do you remember?

Response: **Yes, we remember!**

Band

MV145 Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns,
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
that we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.

Children's Time

RENEW

Listening for the Word

Scripture Reading

Acts 11: 19-30

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Meditation

Rev. Dr. Paul Crittenden

Verse 1

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbours everywhere.

Verse 2

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.

Verse 3

As a green bud in the springtime
is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
mid earth's peoples, many-hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

REJOICE

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

One: Having listened for the voice of God, let us now respond... Those who sing, pray twice.

Prayer Song: VU 948 **O God, Hear My Prayer**
Crystal Fallis - Flute

**O God hear my prayer,
O God hear my prayer,
When I call, answer me.**

**O God hear my prayer,
O God hear my prayer,
Come and Listen to me**

One: Thank you, God... Thus, gratefully, we pray.

All: O God, hear my prayer...

One: We know we have been ...forgive us, we pray.

All: O God, hear my prayer...

One: For the church ... and the whole church, we pray.

All: O God, hear my prayer...

One: For those in our hearts... Empower us, we pray.

(A moment of silence)

All: O God, hear my prayer...

One: Gather all of the prayers ... We ask it in Christ's name,
who taught us, when we pray

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING OUR GIFTS OF BREAD, WINE, AND MONEY

Introduction

Offering Music

Praise Band

Dedication of the Offering

COMMUNION: THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand – A drama

Prayers

One: The Lord be with you!

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray. "We do give You thanks...
Truly we are blessed.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power
and might, heaven and earth are full of Your
glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest.**

One: Loving God, we pause... Thank You,
generous God!

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ
will come again.**

One: May You send Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

BREAKING, POURING, BLESSING

One: We remember the last meal ... Whenever you drink from it, remember me."

SHARING THE FEAST

Prayer after Communion

All: Gracious God, it is done, -- we are Yours, and You are ours, even our broken bodies and our poured - out lives. Not only we who are gathered here and the saints who surround us and who bequeathed this denomination to us. Not only our presbytery, our global partners, and the courts of our Church. Not only our denomination and our sister denominations. Not only humanity. All creation and all of us, we are Yours, and You are ours. May we truly be Your blessings, in all we do and are, because we and creation are all one in Christ's name. Amen.

Commissioning and Benediction

Closing Hymn VU586 **We Shall Go Out**
Mary Jay - Trumpet

Verse 1

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

Verse 2

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Band Postlude

Thank You to all those who helped with this service...

Music: Meghan Witzel, Mary Jay(trumpet), Crystal Fallis
(flute), Murray Hill(keyboard)

Worship: Our Offering Team, Our Welcoming Team, Our
Communion Team, Barbara Bitzer, Teresa Carse

Sound: Ted Jacobs, Brian Clemens

Ministry Team: Rev. Charlotte Moore, Rev. Terry Dunseith,
Rev. Randy Banks, Rev. Dr. Paul Crittenden, Rev. Katharine
Edmonstone, Rev. Wendy MacFadzean, Rev. Yun-hee Noh-
Perry, Rev. John Loughheed, Rev. Desmond Jagger-Parsons,
Rev. Jack Paleczny, Marilyn Shaw

Our set up and tear down crew including Rob Steele for
transporting tables

And of course, to all of you who are here attending this
event.

Our offering today will cover the costs of running the Cooperating Congregations Picnic. Proceeds will be donated to the M&S Fund. As you are able, please consider giving the United Church a generous gift for her 85th birthday!

THAT THEY MAY BE ONE

For more information on Cooperating Congregations of Kitchener (CCK) see Waterloo Presbytery Website

<http://www.watpres.ca/Co-op-Churches/Co-op-Index.html>

The United Church of Canada came into being in 1925, bringing together the Congregational, Methodist and most Presbyterian (71 percent) churches in Canada. The new church began as, and remains, the largest non-Roman communion in Canada. Besides the members of its local congregations, the UCC has another million or more adherents among the Canadian population. In 1925, the UCC dedicated itself not only as united, but as a uniting church. In 1968, the Canada Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church joined the church. The United Church of Canada has a history of involvement in justice issues both in Canada and overseas, much of this coming from its Methodist and Reformed traditions of caring for people who suffer economic and social injustice.



The Very Rev. George C. Pidgeon, First Moderator