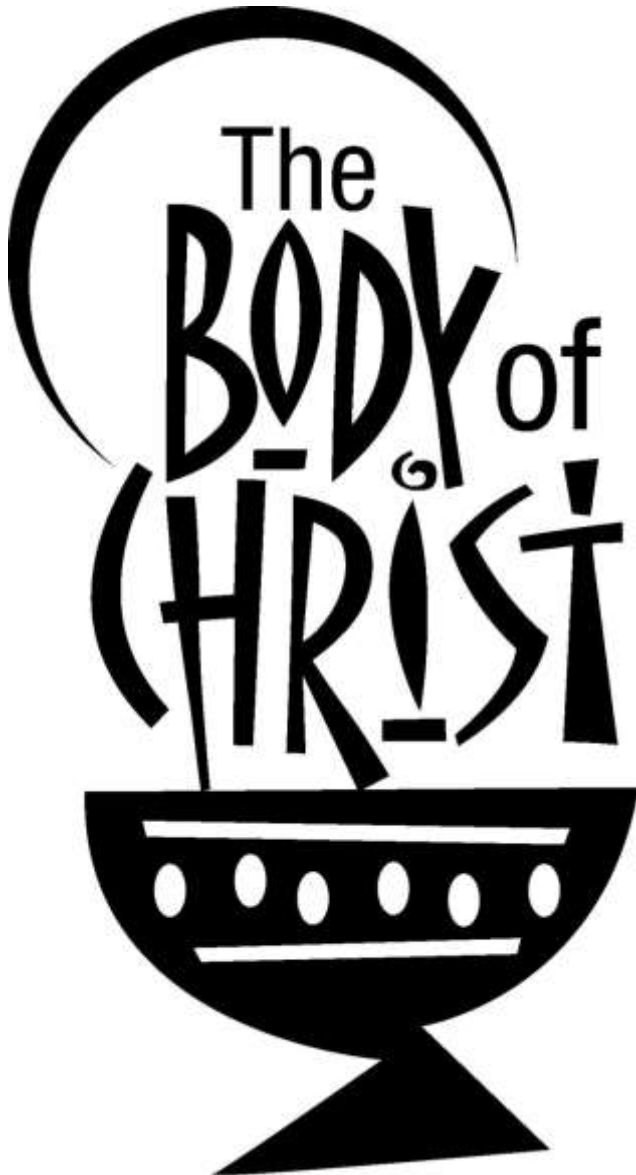

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



September 6, 2020 – Communion Sunday

Welcome!

Welcome to worship!

We hope it will be a quiet space for you as you prepare to spend time with God amid life's busyness and storms.

We honour each other's desire for peace as we gather.

We're glad you're here!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* Please rise in body and/or Spirit as you are able.

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Worship *based on Romans 13: 8-14 and Matthew 18:15-20*

One: People of God, open your eyes! Look around!

The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is here—
among us and within us.

God's salvation is close at hand—
nearer than you know.

So open your hearts and minds to the Spirit,
and let's worship God together!

Opening Prayer

All: God of new lessons, God of old truths: this faith of ours is in what lies beyond us, not just within. As we release ourselves from the trap of thinking we have it all figured out, and turn to you and others for help, for the strength and insight we don't possess, may the fear of not being in control be replaced by the assurance of never being alone. Amen.

Opening Hymn All are Welcome

MV 1

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*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; Refrain

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and
wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.*

*Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,*

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us; Refrain

*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
bears the image of God's face;*

let us bring an end to fear and danger: Refrain

*Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions 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: Refrain

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Monica Place

Readings from the Scriptures (NRSV) **Matthew 18:15-20**

¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Reflection

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

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Offertory

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn

All Who Hunger

VU 460

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*All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

Commissioning

One: God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my loving.
God be in my end and my departing.
And may God be with us, always.

*** Choral Benediction**