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Pentecost 16, Sunday, September 10, 2023

Service colour: Green

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (also on YouTube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (all who are able standing)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (830); Bible Sentence

Hymn: 701 "Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost" (based on 1 Corinthians 13)

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, we gather to celebrate your bountiful grace and healing presence. Hear our prayers as prayers from those who sometimes have found it hard to offer prayer, not knowing what to say nor how to say it. Hear our songs as songs from those who sometimes have found it hard to sing your praises. We come, confident that you receive the prayers that we cannot get into words, that you understand the thoughts for which there is no language, and that you receive that praise that we cannot express with our lips.

Loving, and demanding God, we confess that we find it difficult to live up to your expectations of us. Unkindness, quarrelling, and jealousy creep into our lives; awaken us to the reality that life cannot go on like this without serious consequences. When we are puffed up, bring us to our senses. When we are angry, help us to let go of our feelings of annoyance. When we are suspicious of others, grant us insight and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."

Assurance of Pardon

M.The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

Hallelujah (Hymn 294); The Passing of the Peace

Hymn: 698 "Saviour teach me" - Students gather at Chancel stairs

Lessons: Psalm 149; Exodus 12: 1-14 (p.54); Romans 13: 8-14 (p.142);

Matthew 18: 15-20 (p.17)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn: 699 "All the way"

Sermon

The Offertory

The Creed (539) & Offertory Prayer (all who are able standing)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer (831)

Hymn: 696 "In suffering love"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go Now in Peace" (all seated) (hymn book – inside back cover)

Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Megan Douglas

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Nancy Heighton

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Marg Bingley

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

Today: Church School and Nursery

Wed: 7:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m. Hope Cottage Ministry

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Worship; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School

Guild Table in lobby has several jars of pickles; please leave a donation in the red box.

A Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are in the Mik'kma'ki-the unceded territory and the ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

Mission Moment

Pakistan is the world's third-largest refugee host country, accommodating over a million Afghans who fled their homes due to war, internal conflict, insecurity and persecution. The poorest refugees lack sufficient access to necessities such as food, shelter, clothing and health care. Another need expressed by Afghan refugees is for their children to be able to access schooling. PWS&D is responding to this need by providing a digital learning facility where Afghan refugee children and young women can access virtual education in place of traditional schools. The Digital Learning Center is one way of supporting those who have already lost so much. It is planting the seeds for current and future success for children and young women who would otherwise be entirely out of school.

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Hymn 701

1. Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost, taught by you we covet most of your gifts at Pentecost, holy, heavenly love.
2. Faith that mountains could remove, tongues of earth or heaven above, knowledge, all things, empty prove without heavenly love.
3. Love is kind, and suffers long; love is meek, and thinks no wrong; love, much more than death, is strong: therefore, give us love.
4. Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day; love will ever with us stay: therefore, give us love.
5. Faith and hope and love we see joining hand in hand agree, but the greatest of the three, and the best, is love.

Hymn 698

1. Saviour, teach me day by day love's sweet lesson to obey; sweeter lesson cannot be, loving God who first loved me.
2. With a child's glad heart of love at thy bidding may I move, prompt to serve and follow thee, loving God who first loved me.
3. Teach me thus thy steps to trace, strong to follow in thy grace, learning how to love from thee, loving God who first loved me.
4. Love in loving finds employ, in obedience all its joy; ever new that joy will be, loving God who first loved me.

Hymn 699

1. All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,

here by faith in him to dwell; for I know, whate'er befall me Jesus doeth all things well.

2. All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread, gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread. Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be, gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see.
3. All the way my Saviour leads me, oh the fullness of his love! Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above. When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day, this my song through endless ages, 'Jesus led me all the way!'

Hymn 696

1. In suffering love the thread of life is woven through our care, for God is with us: not alone our pain and toil we bear.
2. There is a rock, a place secure within the storms cold blast; concealed within the suffering night God's covenant stands last.
3. In love's deep womb our fears are held; there God's rich tears are sown and bring to birth, to hope newborn, the strength to journey on.
4. Lord, to our hearts your joy commit, into our hands your pain, so send us out to touch the world with blessings in your name.
5. In suffering love our God comes now, hope's vision born in gloom; with tears and laughter shared and blest the desert yet will bloom.

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