**First United Church**

*Seeking to be a welcoming community of Christian faith, proclaiming and celebrating the love of God in Jesus Christ through the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit*

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July 29, 2018 @ 10:30am

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*Custodian: Dave Luftenegger*

**Tenth Sunday of Pentecost Sunday**

Worship Service

Sunday, July 29, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Preacher: Rev. Emmanuel K. Ofori

***Notes***: Asterisk (\*) – You may stand if comfortable doing so

**VU** = Voices United **MV** = More Voices

***Musical/Choral Prelude***

1. **MV#172** *“God Says”* (2x)

**God says, “Be still so you may hear**

**the words I whisper in your ear.**

**If you will listen, you will know**

**I’m with you always where you go”**

1. **MV#18** *“Lord, Prepare Me”* (2x)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,**

**pure and holy tried and true;**

**with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living**

**sanctuary for you.**

***Opening Prayer***

***Call to Worship***

***Life and Work of the Church [see insert]***

***Welcoming of Visitors***

***Greetings: Peace of Christ (****Halle, Halle, Halle****)***

***Songs of Praise***

1. *“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”* (2x)

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,**

**I can feel His mighty power and His grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angel’s wings,**

**I see glory on each face;**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

1. *“Great is the Lord*” (1x)

**Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,**

**by His power we trust in His love.**

**Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,**

**by His mercy He proves He is love.**

**Great is the Lord and worthy of glory,**

**great is the Lord and worthy of praise.**

**Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice:**

**Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!**

***Prayer***

***Praise and Adoration***

***Intercession***

***The Lord’s Prayer***

***Hymn:* VU #385***“Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”*

*The children may go to the Activity Room with Kim Hughson during the singing of the hymn*

***Scripture Reading: Daniel 9:1-19***

*Reader: This is the Word of God*

***All: Thanks be to God***

***The Message:* “Responding to the Changing Times”**

***Offertory***

***Hymn of Dedication***

 **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***Offertory Prayer***

***\*Closing Hymn:* VU#672***“Take Time to Be Holy”*

***\* Benediction/Sending Forth***

***Threefold Amen***

***Commissioning Hymn:* VU#298** *“When You Walk From Here”*

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,**

 **walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God’s humble care.**

***\* Musical Postlude***

**TODAY’S MESSAGE**

We are living in changing and very challenging times – political confusion, economic uncertainties, social and cultural crisis, moral decadence and spiritual lukewarmness. These events invite us, Christ’s followers, to response with prayer.

“***If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land***”

(2 Chronicles 7:14).

The Lord calls us to

1. **Humble ourselves**

 lesson about Relationship

1. **Pray earnestly**

 lesson about Reproductive

1. **Seek God’s face**

A lesson about Responsibility

1. **Surrender to Him and turn from our sins**

A lesson about Reality/Renewal

**Think about this**

God hears and answer our prayers.

You can make a commitment to pray for your

* Family
* Church
* Community and
* Nation (Canada).

Will you do that commitment today?