

October 30, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Liturgical Color: Green

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Noel Johnson

PRELUDE

Chorale in E Minor

J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Myra Shaffer

Leader: O give thanks to God who is good; whose steadfast love endures forever.

People: We thank you, God, for your steadfast love, for your wonderful works to humankind;

Leader: For you satisfy the thirsty, and fill the hungry with good things.

People: Fill our hearts with wisdom that we may ponder the majesty of your loving deeds.
- Psalm 107:1, 8-9, 43, Adapt.

***HYMN NO. 144**

This Is My Father's World
God's Glory Singers on hand chimes

Terra Beata

***INVOCATION**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

O God of hosts, from the rising to the setting of the sun your name is great! We gather to glorify your name and to rededicate ourselves to the covenant between us. Ours is a covenant you have inscribed in life and peace; it is written upon the tablets of our hearts. Shine there your light; reveal to us your Word, and we will not stumble. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada

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.

***GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

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. Amen.

DRAMATIC READING

The Beatitudes
Salt & Light

PSALTER

Psalm 107

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Page 248 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*†GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 23:1-12 Page 31 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

God Be in My Head

Arlene R. Clark

Chancel Choir

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 thinking. God be at mine end and at my departing.

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

setting by Gordon Young

Rhonda McGinnis, flute and Joyce Nickles, organ

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Alice Balentine

As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message, they are invited to bring change to help in buying a heifer (cow) for \$500. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*HYMN NO. 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Beach Spring

SERMON

“Authentic Christianity”

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

*BENEDICTION

Leader:: God came down to us like the sun at morning, wounded to the heart by our helplessness.

People: Let us proceed in God's strength to love and serve one another. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 666

Shalom to You

SHALOM

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

*POSTLUDE

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

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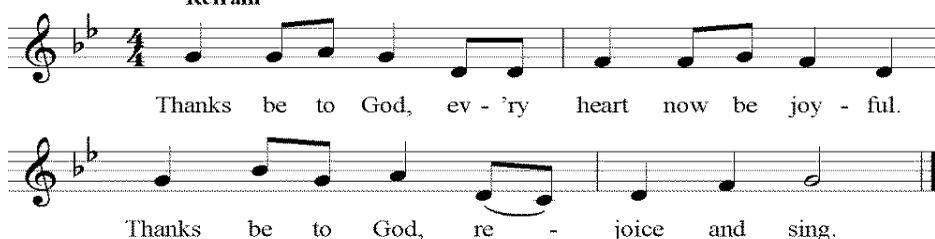
The dramatic reading entitled *The Beatitudes* is presented today by Salt & Light. The majority of the readings are the words of Jesus as found in the fifth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew. Additional text come from Revelation 7, Psalm 24 and 37, Isaiah 55, the first and second chapter of James, and the third chapter of 1 Peter. **Salt & Light** is an ensemble that explores various ways to use the arts to worship God. The ensemble is open to grades 6 – 12 and meets on Sunday afternoons at 5:30 pm.

Psalm 107

Hal H. Hopson

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Refrain



Thanks be to God, ev - 'ry heart now be joy - ful.
Thanks be to God, re - joice and sing.

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Give thanks to God, who all goodness has brought us;
God, whose great love shall redeem us forever;
From earth's wide corners God's mercy has sought us;
May God's redemption depart from us never.

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Hear when we call from amid desolation,
Starving for life, yet more frightened of living;
When you, O Lord, offer true consolation,
Let us respond with a song of thanksgiving.

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Hear us, the prisoners of sin and affliction,
Fast bound in shackles of doubt and misgiving;
When you, O Lord, offer strength to conviction,
Let us respond with a song of thanksgiving.

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Hear when the earth in its rage would destroy us;
Wind and the sea steal our passion for living.
When quiet shelter and love you provide us,
Let us respond with a song of thanksgiving.

R**Music Notes**

The text for today's chancel choir anthem comes from the *Sarum Primer*, a collection of prayers and worship resources developed in Salisbury, England, during the 13th century. It was used throughout England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, as well as some parts of continental Europe, until the Reformation. It continues to be valued today because of its beautiful expressions of faith and devotion. Since this prayer was written down in the 13th century, it has been used by countless people. These ancient words can help us gain a sense of the entire Christian community throughout space and time and reflect on the timeless dimensions of the people of God. Consider using this prayer as part of your devotions this week.