

STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH - Growing - Together - In Spirit

Family Sunday May 10, 2020

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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Music to Prepare for Worship:

Invitation to Worship: (Based on Psalm 96)

All: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done amazing things. All you in families all over the world, praise God! If you listen, you can even hear the earth, and the seas, and the fields, and the trees of the forest sing for joy!

Hymn: "Come In and Sit Down" (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

#395

Chorus:

**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.**

**We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

**1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.**

**2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family.**

**4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family.**

Prayer for Homes and Families:

#557

**In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.
Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love,
granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely,**

**endurance to those who care for sick family members,
and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.**

**We thank you for gifts of love we have received
from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.**

**As we have been loved by you and by others,
so may we love.**

Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Welcome & the Life and Ministry of Our Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

Unison Reading: Psalm 137 (VU #858)

**By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept
when we remembered Zion. There on the willows we hung
up our harps when our captors asked us for songs. Our
tormentors called for entertainment, saying, 'Sing us one of
the songs of Zion!' How could we sing the Lord's song in a
strange land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my hands
wither! Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my
highest joy.**

**Scripture: Isaiah 56:1-3 & 6-8
Matthew 12:46-50**

Musical Offering:

Sermon: "A Family In Exile."

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Hymn: "Would You Bless our Homes and Families"

#556

**1 Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.**

Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

- 2 When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another
and in you, our gracious God.
- 3 From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.
- 4 Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

Call to Prayer: (Playing of the Koshi Chimes)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & for Healing and Transformation

The Lord's Prayer

Minute for Mission: Our Church Family

Invitation to Offer our Gifts:

Song of Dedication: (#541 (VU))
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Give thanks to God in love made know,
Creator, Word and Spirit One. Amen..

Prayer of Dedication:

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

Hymn: "In Christ there Is No East or West" (Tune #344) #606

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great family of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christ-like souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Commissioning and Blessing:

Threefold Amen:

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Music To Inspire Us As We Go: