

**STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH**  
**Growing - Together - In Spirit**  
**Easter 6      May 17, 2020**

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**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

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**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**Music to Prepare for Worship:**

**Invitation to Worship:**

**All: By faith, we learn how to live.  
By faith we learn how to love.  
By faith we learn how to trust.  
By faith we learn how to worship,  
And so we do.**

**Hymn: "New Every Morning is the Love" (vs. 1, 2 & 5)**

**#405**

- 1 New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life, and power, and thought.**
- 2 New mercies each returning day  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**
- 5 Only, O God, in your dear love  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
3and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.**

**Welcome & the Life and Ministry of Our Church**

**Psalm Reading: Psalm 22 (Paraphrase)**

**O Holy One, I admit that there are times when it feels like you are very far away. In my darkest moments it can seem as though you are not there at all. I have cried out, but not heard a response; I have called out in the night, but not felt relief. I know my life, and all life, has come from you; and you provide all that we need to sustain our lives in body and spirit. I also recall times when I have known you were with me; times when I felt the embrace of your love.**

**Scripture: Job 10 & Job 36 (selected verses)**

**Musical Offering:**

**Sermon: "Job - A Crisis of Identity."**

**WE RESPOND IN LOVE**

**Hymn: "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"**

**#658**

- 1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.**
- 2 O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.**
- 3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.**

**4 O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.**

**Call to Prayer:** (Playing of the Koshi Chimes)

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & for Healing and Transformation**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**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 power and the glory, forever,  
and ever. Amen.**

**Minute for Mission:** United Church Mission and Service

**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:**

**O Sacred Source of all that is, we have seen your love at  
work in creation, and through the lives of others. With our  
own hands, hearts and lives we offer these gifts to you. May  
our every act of generosity, compassion, and justice be  
blessed by your Spirit, that our world, and the lives of people  
in it, might be healed and renewed through love, in Jesus'  
name. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE**

**Hymn: "Precious Lord Take My Hand" #670**

**1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**3 When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**Commissioning and Blessing:**

**Threefold Amen: #967**

**Music To Inspire Us As We Go:**