

STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Growing - Together - In Spirit
Pentecost 8 July 26, 2020

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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Music to Prepare for Worship:

Invitation to Worship:

One: We join in hearts and minds, praising and worshipping
you, O God,

Many: Show us your ways, Creator God,

One: Lead us, teach us, and guide us as we pray.

**Many: Open our minds and hearts, help us to make
way for the new as we are transformed.**

One: As we are transformed into your will for us, let us
give thanks.

Prayer:

**Faithful and Loving God, You in whom we live and
move and have our being, sometimes we forget who
You are. Indeed, sometimes we forget who WE are,
too, as we become busy with the minutiae of the day to
day errands and demands on our energy and our time.
Please help us gather here today in your presence and
in the presence of our community of faith to be fully
united in spirit, praising and honouring your good**

**name and your nature as you have revealed to us. Help
us to see you in all things, and to respond as we have
been called. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Hymn: "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" (VU #374)
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- 1 Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we
are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.
- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us cools the heat and slows
the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being,
face to face,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for
faith begun.
- 3 In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for
heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

Embracing the Church:

The work and ministry of the church continues outside of the building, with members of the congregation calling one another, reaching out with masks, crafted hearts, and prayer. Continued offers online from Leena Masse, Allison Houston, and Julee Pauling, plus Sunday Worship all summer.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD FOR US

Scripture: Exodus 32:11-14
Acts 17:24-28 James Harley (video)

Message: Paul In a World of Unbelief
Julee Pauling

Musical Interlude for Reflection:
Allison Houston

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Prayers of the People for Healing and Gifting
Julee Pauling

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision (VU #642)
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1. Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Commissioning and Benediction:

MUSIC TO INSPIRE US AS WE GO Allison Houston