

STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH - Growing - Together - In Spirit

Family Sunday May 9, 2021

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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Music to Prepare for Worship:

Invitation to Worship:

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.**

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Welcome & the Life and Ministry of Our Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

Scripture: 1 John 5:1-6 and I John 15:9-17

Sermon: "Loving When it is Hard."

Musical Offering:

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

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

Minute for Mission:

Invitation to Offer our Gifts:

**Song of Dedication: (vs. 1) #537
Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication:

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE**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.**

Commissioning and Blessing:**Music To Inspire Us As We Go:**