



## **STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH**

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

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### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

#### **Music to Prepare for Worship**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We come to this house with joy – mindful of the worshippers who cannot be here with us.

We listen to the comforting echoes from the sanctuary rafters of the voices that we have not heard for so long.

We feel the warm welcome and unfailing support of our church family that fill this place even when it sits mostly empty.

We join together, even though we are apart, to pray, worship and sing.

Wherever we gather, and however we gather, when we do so in Jesus' name, he promises to be with us.

Let us welcome him into our midst.

**Hymn:** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

**VU395**

Refrain

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.

V1. 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. R

V2. 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. R

V3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family. R

V4. 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. R

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Welcoming God,

We eagerly reach out to your outstretched hand.

Faithful God,

We confidently put our hand into yours, trusting you to be our guide.

Compassionate God,

We gladly lay into your lap all our sorrows and griefs, fears and anxieties.

Comforting God,

We gratefully settle into the embrace of your wide-spread arms.

Gracious God,

Secure in your steadfast love,  
we humbly thank you for all you have provided,  
It's all that we've ever needed.

AMEN

**Life and Ministry of Our Church**

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

**Hebrew Scripture:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 4:42-44

*A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain.*

*"Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said.*

*"How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked.*

*But Elisha answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says:*

*'They will eat and have some left over.'"*

*Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.*

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:**

Psalm 145: 10-18, 21

<u>Call</u>	<u>Response</u>
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,	<b>and all your faithful shall bless you.</b>
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,	<b>and tell of your power,</b>
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,	<b>and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.</b>
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,	<b>and your dominion endures throughout all generations.</b>
The LORD is faithful in all his words,	<b>and gracious in all his deeds.</b>
The LORD upholds all who are falling,	<b>and raises up all who are bowed down.</b>
All eyes look to you,	<b>and you give them their food in due season.</b>
You open your hand,	<b>satisfying the desire of every living thing.</b>
The LORD is just in all his ways,	<b>and kind in all his doings.</b>
The LORD is near to all who call on him,	<b>to all who call on him in truth.</b>
My mouth shall ever speak your praise, O God,	<b>Let every creature bless your holy name forever.</b>

**Gospel Lesson:**

John 6:1-3, 5-15

*Sometime after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ... When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So, they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.*

## Musical Offering

**Sermon:** Loaves and fishes

### **WE RESPOND IN LOVE**

**Hymn:** "Great in Thy Faithfulness"

**VU288**

V1. Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see,  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided –  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

V2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. R

V3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Ephesians 3:14-21

*For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father which 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, for ever. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

**Song of Dedication:** "Spirit of the Living God" **VU376 v2**

V2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

## **WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE**

**HYMN:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" **VU651**

V1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

V2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow,  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

V3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee. I will ever give to thee.

## **COMMISSIONING and BENECTION:**

Let us go forth in peace, sheltered by God's powerful hand.  
Let us go forth in faith, nourished by the Bread of Heaven.  
Let us go forth in joy, enlivened by the spirit within.

May God the Creator shower you with blessings.  
May God the Christ shine a light on your path.  
May God the Holy Spirit ever walk by your side.  
May the love of God in Three Persons surround you today and always.

AMEN

**Music to Inspire Us As We Go**