

**STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH Growing Together in Spirit
Pentecost 11 August 8, 2021
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We welcome Julee Pauling as our worship leader today.**

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Music to Prepare for Worship: (Allison)

Invitation to Worship:

*“Whatever happens,
those who have learned
to love one another
have made their way
into the lasting world
and will not leave,
whatever happens.”*

- Wendell Berry, This Day: Collected and New Sabbath Poems, 2013, p. 183.

Hymn: “Out of the Depths, O God, We Call to You” VU #611

- 1. Out of the depths, O God, we call to you
Wounds of the past remain, affecting all we do.
Facing our lives, we need your love so much.
Here in this community, heal us by your touch.**
- 2. Out of the depths of fear, O God, we speak.
Breaking the silences, the searing truth we seek.
Safe among friends, our grief and rage we share.
Here in this community hold us in your care.**
- 3. God of the loving heart, we praise your name.
Dance through our lives and loves; anoint with Spirit flame.
Your light illumines each familiar face.
Here in this community, meet us with your grace.**

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Welcome & Life and Ministry of the Church

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD FOR US

Scriptures: Psalm 130 (Blaine Pauling)
Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

Message: “Forgiveness and The Being That Waits” (Julee Pauling)

Musical Selection: “One,” - U2 (Blaine Pauling, guitar)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Healing and Transformation:

“Gracious and merciful God, the problems facing our human family are very grave and we are no longer isolated from one another. We are confronted daily with our addiction to violence, our hatred and our greed. We are heartbroken. The media are relentless in their presentation and critique and we all long for some good news. It is so easy to forget that your Son, Jesus, is always the good news and that he has given us the remedy for our brokenness. ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ He spoke so clearly. We ask your Holy Spirit to remind us of this again and again. We ask you for the gift of hope in our lives and know that we need to turn to one another for the confidence and assurance that we will emerge from situations, that, in the short term, seem helpless. Banish fear and anxiety from our hearts.

Today we gather in worship and prayer to affirm one another and to remove the barriers that seem to sour our relationships and keep us at a distance. Heal the short tempers, the crabbiness and the grudges we hold against one another, against our political system, against our Church, against our financial institutions. We could go on and on. Prompt us to be beacons in the present darkness, and especially beacons to one another. We are all guilty of some selfishness; many of us have lived beyond our means and we become angry and irrational and embrace ideologies that protect our acquisitions. We need your help to stop contributing to the larger greed that tears at our world. We believe in the power of your grace to change our lives and we promise today to once again be open to that grace. Bless us with a peaceful spirit and a desire to be reconciled with one another. Amen” — *Prayer for Forgiveness and Reconciliation from the Thomas More Center, Australia*

The Lord's Prayer: (Spoken)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as is done in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed 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.

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

Song of Dedication: "Spirit of the Living God" (vs. 2 #376)

**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! Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication:

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

Hymn: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

VU #612

**1. There is a balm in Gilead to make the sounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**2. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**3. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to save the sin-sick soul.**

Commissioning and Blessing

Music to Inspire Us as We Go: (Allison)

STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH



"Forgiveness and The Being That Waits"

August 8, 2021

Music By Allison Houston
and Blaine Pauling

Lyrics to the Instrumental Played by Blaine Pauling

“One”

Is it getting better?
Or do you feel the same?
Will it make it easier on you now?
You got someone to blame

You say, one love, one life
When it's one need in the night
One love, we get to share it
Leaves you baby if you don't care for it

Did I disappoint you?
Or leave a bad taste in your mouth?
You act like you never had love
And you want me to go without

Well it's too late tonight
To drag the past out into the light
We're one but we're not the same
We get to carry each other, carry each other
One!

Have you come here for forgiveness?
Have you come to raise the dead?
Have you come here to play Jesus?
To the lepers in your head

Did I ask too much? More than a lot
You gave me nothin' now it's all I got
We're one but we're not the same
Well we hurt each other then we do it again

You say love is a temple, love a higher law
Love is a temple, love the higher law
You ask me to enter but then you make me crawl
And I can't be holdin' on to what you got

When all you got is hurt

One love, one blood
One life, you got to do what you should
One life, with each other
Sisters, brothers

One life but we're not the same
We get to carry each other, carry each other
One
One

Songwriters: Clayton Adam / Evans David / Mullen Laurence / Hewson Paul
David

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