

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY AUGUST 27th, 2017 at 10:30 A.M.

“WE APPROACH GOD...”

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship -

One: Change is coming, for God’s plans are unfolding. A time will come when the oppressed are set free from the chains of bondage.

All: As we submit our faith and our lives to Christ, all of us are liberated and set free from the patterns and sins that keep us captive.

One: The Hebrew people felt abandoned by God especially when they were slaves in Egypt. It was hard for them to believe that their suffering would ever change.

All: But it did. In due time, God called Moses to lead them out of Egypt.

One: Sometimes change is gradual and other times it is overnight. One day the Israelites were being whipped and forced to make bricks, the next they were crossing the Red Sea on dry ground.

All: Anything is possible with God.

One: Let us pray.

All: Liberating God, you can turn any heartache to joy and any hardship into victory. When our lives seem out of control, it is hard to recognize your saving presence. Come to us in our times of doubt and despair and remind us of your guiding love. Come to us when we feel overwhelmed and remind us of your sovereign power. Help us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

***HYMN #42 “ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL”**

Welcome & Announcements

***HYMN #80 “THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS”**

Opening Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.

AMEN

***HYMN #9 “LORD’S MY SHEPHERD”**

...TO LISTEN TO AND REFLECT ON HIS WORD...

Responsive Reading: Book of Praise #669 (Psalm 150)

Scripture Readings: Luke 12: 13 - 21 (737/175)

James 5: 1 - 6 (856/1361)

Response: “Lord, Thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth
Who its truth believeth.
Light and joy receiveth.” Amen

Preaching of the Word:

“POOR YET RICH”

Prayers of Thanks and For Others

...AND TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE...

Worship with Tithes and Offerings: “Spring Song” by Mendelssohn

*Doxology (sung together)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN #128 (SING!) “SHINE, JESUS, SHINE”**

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND**

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If you are joining us in worship for the first time or returning to visit family and friends, we warmly welcome you as our guest. It is our goal and prayer that you would be blessed and encouraged to start a new week renewed in spirit. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.

There is holy anticipation as we gather to celebrate the love of God through our worship. Let us prepare our hearts prayerfully this morning as we eagerly seek for the ministry of the Spirit of God to be a blessing in our worship.

This morning your greeters are **Maggie & Ron Bannister**, the Announcements will be reviewed by **Bill Macmillan**, the Scripture lessons will be read by **Bill McNeilly**.

Following worship, everyone is invited to stay for lemonade, iced tea and fellowship. Today's Hosts are **Lucille Turner & Fran Dunbar**.

PRAYER LIST

Pauline & Raymond Grant: Raymond is in Nanaimo hospital.

Please also remember those in care or being cared for at home: Jean Bates, Glenn Cooper, Thelma Eckland, Anne Hardman, Doreen Jackson, Audrey Shearer, Jack Smith, Monica Torrance, and Vivien Williamson.

PRESBYTERIAN PRAYER PARTNERSHIP: Let us give thanks for all those who give their time to the church throughout the year in big and small ways.

LODGE SERVICE: This afternoon, at 1:30, St. Columba will be leading Worship at Trillium Lodge in Parksville. Plan to come out and take part in this very worthwhile outreach.

LADIES GUILD: The next Ladies Guild meeting will be on **Tuesday, Sept 5th**, at 1:30pm.

CHOIR: We will be starting up choir practice on **Wed. Sept 6, 2:15**. If you have been thinking you might want to join the choir now is the time, we welcome any new people and you do not need to be able to read music.

SERVING OPPORTUNITY: URGENT, we are in need of more volunteers to sign up to be coffee hour hosts. All of September needs to be filled. Please consider signing up to help on the sheet in Mahood Hall.

BEST BREAKFAST: Plan to attend the next breakfast meeting on Wed Sept 13 at 9am. "Bringing Jesus Christ to Uzbekistan." Guest Speaker John Paeng. Open to everyone. Sign up today.

TUESDAY COFFEE HOUR: Sept. 19th at 10:30 will be the first coffee hour for the fall. We are in need of more volunteers in order to continue, contact Catherine Held if you can help out.

The World Council of Churches and the World Communion of Reformed Churches called for a day of prayer on Sunday, August 13 to overcome the antagonism that divides the Korean Peninsula and continue to open interaction between communities, churches and people. The Moderator of The PCC, The Reverend Peter Bush also called for a day of prayer for peace on the Korean Peninsula.

Moderator Urges Prayer on the 67th Anniversary of the Start of the Korean War

On June 25, 1950, the Korean War began, making permanent a division that had been in place since the summer of 1945. The Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) is a barrier that has separated families for over sixty years, bearing witness to the tensions between the two nations commonly known as South Korea and North Korea. Tensions which this year have escalated to threats of military action. As The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we cry out with our Korean sisters and brothers for peace and unity on the Korean peninsula.

A prayer:

O God of hope, who sent your Son as the Prince of Peace, bring peace to the Korean Peninsula we pray. The division of Korea for sixty-seven years has separated families, cutting off sisters from brothers, parents from children, and grandparents from their grandchildren. We cry out to you to reunite severed families. Change the hearts of leaders so they would seek the humble path of peace rather than the prideful road of military power. By your power you destroyed the dividing wall between Jew and Gentile, by your grace you broke down the Berlin Wall, by your powerful grace we pray that you would end the line of division called the DMZ.

The words we hear spoken by those who control armies and military weapons scare us. Change their words we pray, so these leaders speak peace and not war. Remind them that peacemakers will be called the children of God. We cry out for our Christian sisters and brothers in North Korea who are held in detention and are placed in labour camps. We pray for courage for Christians in North Korea, as they seek to follow the path of your Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus, Lord of the nations. Amen.