

Sunday 21 June 2020
Heritage Sunday - Uniting Church Birthday



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Gathering God's People

Lali

Introit: Donu, donu, donu(Holy, holy, holy)
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Lighting the Christ Candle:

If you have a candle in your room, one of the children might light it
and someone in your home read these words

Christ Jesus is the light of the world.

Acknowledgement of Country.

Greeting:

Jesus said: you are the light of the world:

Jesus said: you are the salt of the earth.

Jesus said: you are like a city set on a hill.

To the body of Christ
Scattered like seeds
through the western suburbs of city:

Grace and peace to you.
And also to you.

Call to worship:

From **Psalm 122;**

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you..”

⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

Hymn: ‘Let us build a house where love can dwell’
(3 verses only).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKJgcv8SdnQ>

A Prayer of Approach:

In this mid-winter season
We come together
As a pilgrim people,
A people on the way,
To worship you,
The Creator God
In whose image we are made.

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

In this mid-winter season
We come together
As a pilgrim people,
A people on the way,
To worship you,
Three-in-one God:

Donu, donu, donu.

Amen.

God is Good
All the time. (everyone)
All the time
God is good

God is Good
All the time. (children)
All the time
God is good

Mungu ni mwema / Know that God is good (Congo)

F C7
| * - Know that - - | God is good -
Mun - gu — ni mwe- ma —

C7 F
| * - Know that - - | God is good -
Mun - gu — ni mwe- ma —

F7 Bb
| * - Know that - - | God is good -
Mun - gu — ni mwe- ma —

F / C C7 F
| God is good - - | God is good - - ||
ni mwe- ma — ni mwe- ma —

An Act of Confession and Trust in God

The apostle Paul wrote:

Only let your manner of life be worthy
Of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are a pilgrim people:

We are a people on the way.

Forgive us, faithful God,

For those times we follow other paths;

For those times we lose the way.

The apostle Paul wrote:

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

You call us to love you
And to love our neighbour as ourselves.
Forgive us, faithful God,

**For those times we have forgotten you;
For those times we did not love ourselves;**

The apostle Paul wrote:

¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity,
let us work for the good of all,

You call us to act justly,
With mercy and compassion.
Forgive us, faithful God:

**For those times that we showed
Through thought, word and deed
That our neighbours' lives did not matter.**

The apostle Paul wrote:

²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Only let your manner of life be worthy
Of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Silence

Song: 'Spirit of the Living Lord'.

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Words of Assurance: (Matthew 7:24-27).

Jesus said:

Each of those who hears these my words
And does them is like the wise person
who builds their house on rock.

The rain came down, the rivers rose,
And the winds blew and beat against that house;
But it did not fall, because it was built on rock.

Believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are loved,
Forgiven, and set free!

Behold salvation has come to this house.
Thanks be to God!

Song: 'We are marching in the light of God'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yn16ABWn20c>

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Learning Together:

- 'This is your life'. John Watsford
- Action song for children: 'Go, make disciples'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUTLi2uIVGA>

The Service of the Word

Hebrew Bible reading: Ezekiel 37:15-28

¹⁵ The word of the Lord came to me: ¹⁶ Mortal, take a stick and write on it, “For Judah, and the Israelites associated with it”; then take another stick and write on it, “For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with it”; ¹⁷ and join them together into one stick, so that they may become one in your hand. ¹⁸ And when your people say to you, “Will you not show us what you mean by these?” ¹⁹ say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am about to take the stick of Joseph (which is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with it; and I will put the stick of Judah upon it,^[a] and make them one stick, in order that they may be one in my hand. ²⁰ When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes, ²¹ then say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from every quarter, and bring them to their own land. ²² I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms. ²³ They shall never again defile themselves with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. I will save them from all the apostasies into which they have fallen,^[b] and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

²⁴ My servant David shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall follow my ordinances and be careful to observe my statutes. ²⁵ They shall live in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, in which your ancestors lived; they and their children and their children’s children shall live there forever; and my servant David shall be their prince forever. ²⁶ I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless^[a] them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them forevermore. ²⁷ My dwelling place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ²⁸ Then the nations shall know that I the Lord sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary is among them forevermore.

'Becoming uniting'

Clive interviews Keith, Paragraph 3, *The Basis of Union*

Gospel Reading: John 17:20- 26

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^[a] so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Sermon: 'Imagining our legacy'.

Clive interviews Manas and Amelia
(Paragraphs 2 and 3, *The Basis of Union*).

Sere: **Sai Jisu Duadua**

https://www.smule.com/c/2408445286_3594732572

The Offering and Prayer:

The 'Statement to the Nation (1977).

Showing concern for the well-being of the world

'Beauty for brokenness'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kVHKuldZyw>

Prayers for Others:

Lord, in your mercy
HEAR OUR PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer.

(said in your own languages and then sung in Hindi)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ParMYPL82Jo>

Notices:

Hymn / Sere: **'Praise with joy, the world's creator'.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQnFlu8HcOg>

Praise with joy the world's creator,
God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
Force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, up-sets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:
friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:
foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
Shown Christ's vibrant unity.

Dismissal and Blessing:

Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13.

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, ^[a] farewell. ^[b] Put things in order, listen to my appeal, ^[c] agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of ^[d] the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

May the love of God
The creator in whose image
We are made:

Watch over all your days

May the peace of Christ
The beloved Son:
Be with you.

May the Spirit of God,
The life giver,
Raise you to new hope:
Now and always,

Song: Thuma mina

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eik2HK7u9xA>