

Beloved, we are God's children now: what we will be, has not yet been revealed. What we do know is that: when God is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God as God is. And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as God is pure.

HYMN: 430 "Your Words to Me are Life and Health"

A PRAYER BEFORE READING THE SCRIPTURES Ivy Lee

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in wisdom hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by practice, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen!

BIBLE READING - Ivy Lee

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b (Pages 597-598) Matthew 14:22-33 (Pages 970-971)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

SERMON: "Gentle and Lowly" James Knowles

NOTICES - Sunday Worship 27 August 10:00 am - at Crows Nest UC.

Please join our sisters and brothers for Sunday worship.

- **Father's Day** - Sunday 3 Sept - Extended Morning Tea.

- **Movie/Pizza Night** - Tuesday 5 September 6:30 pm.

- **Elders' and Council Meeting** - Wednesday 6 Sep 12:30 pm.

- **Church 100th Anniversary Worship Service - Sunday 10 Sept 2023 at 2:00 pm.** Come and bring guests with you.

- **Spring Fashion Parade** - Thursday 14 September.

OFFERING - "Men will praise God for your generosity". (2 Cor. 9:13)

HYMN: 590 "What a Friend We have in Jesus" James Knowles

THE LORD'S PRAYER and BLESSING James Knowles

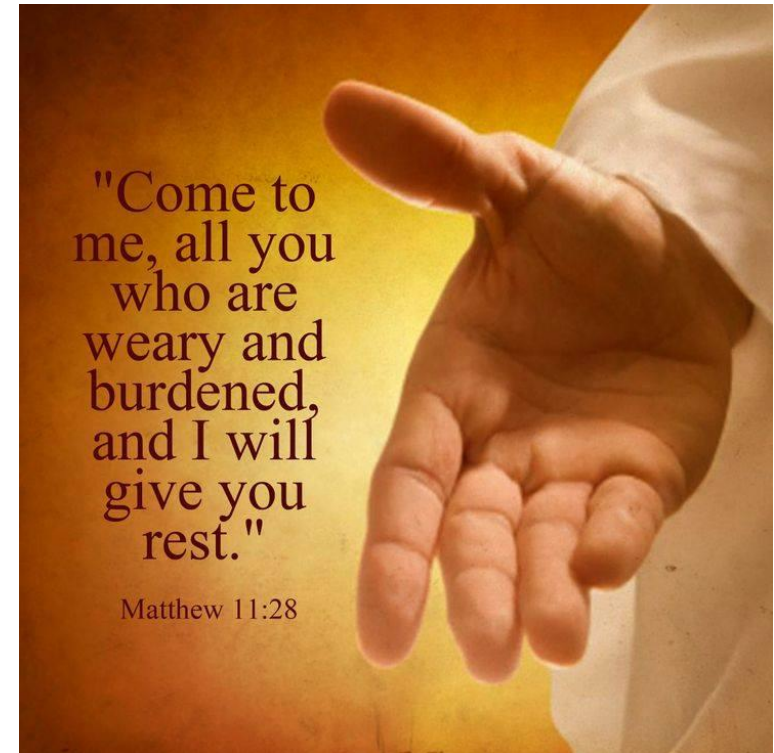
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Pentecost 11

13 August 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Butters

Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name.

Sing praise to the Lord, whose love endures for ever.

God our joy and strength, we will sing of Your glory.

Come before the Lord in holy worship.

We come hungering and thirsting for good bread and fresh water.

The Lord of the banquet has spread a table.

In faith we gather to eat and drink. We have come to be fed.

God's grace is ready to feed us.

Let us celebrate the feast of his love.

INVOCATION

Chris Butters

Spread the banquet of your love for us, O Lord. We are hungry. We have tried many foods, and now come to your house and feed at your table that we might be nourished by the bread of life. In our worship this day may we find that which truly satisfies the hungry heart in each of us. *Amen!*

HYMN: 156 "Morning Has Broken"

Chris Butters

RESPONSIVE READING

Penny Goodley

Heavenly Father, in Your love draw us deeper into Your presence. Give to Your Church grace to imitate Your Son

Nourish us with the food that leads to eternal life.

Heavenly Father, calm our words that we may use them to build up and nurture in Your way. Put away from us the ways of malice and evil

Sustain those who lead in pursuing justice and peace.

Heavenly Father, when the going is hard, save us from despair and faltering. Put behind Your people the complaining that saps strength and joy

Renew within us a song of thanksgiving and praise.

Heavenly Father, prevent the angry being consumed by hatred and bitterness. Strengthen the weak and weary

In Your tender love, restore Your people.

Lord, it is You who comes when we cry in storm-tossed moments. Reach out to Your Church when sight of the strong wind brings fear

Open our ears to hear You say 'take heart'.

Lord, it is You who sends Your disciples to cross the lake. Be with all who travel by land, sea and air for missions of mercy

Direct those who guard our safety.

Lord, it is You who went up the mountain to pray alone. Come to us in the still moments to refresh, revive and reignite the fire of living

Increase in us thanksgiving for Your saving mercy.

Lord, it is You who reaches out to us when we cry 'Lord save us'. Catch all who are failing in their frailty

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Lord, it is You who appears in the early morning on the water and later in the garden. Bring all who have died in faith to delight in the sound of Your voice

With the whole host of heaven we worship Your holy name.

PRAYER

Penny Goodley

Gentle...yet powerful.

Lowly...yet almighty.

Shepherd...yet King.

In your gentleness, guide us.

In your power, strengthen us.

In your lowliness, strip from us our selfish pride which only destroys us.

In your greatness, lift us up that we might aspire to greater things.

As a shepherd, call us to be your servants.

As a King, call us to be your royal priesthood.

O God, who is our shepherd and our King;

O Christ, who was crucified and is now risen from the dead;

O Spirit, who comforts and empowers;

O great One in Three, Holy Trinity, this hour, set us free to worship.

Amen!

HYMN: 138 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Penny Goodley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Congregation

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that we do not know him. Our sins keep us from knowing God fully. Let us confess our sins to God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

James Knowles

Hear now the words of scripture. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.