

**THE MORAVIAN CHURCH AT NEW DORP**

Sunday, September 1, 2019

10:00am

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Music Director - Mr. Dylan Sauerwald

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**\*Indicates everyone who is able is invited to stand**

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here to worship as we gather today. As we gather on this Lord's Day, let us turn our hearts toward God who cools our worries, dries our tears, calms our souls and restores our hope. *As you prepare for worship, please remember to silence your cell phone.* We invite you to spend a few moments in silence and prayer. Also, please be aware of those around you who may also be preparing themselves for our time of worship.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:

"Let mutual love continue."

Hebrews 13:1

*A PRAYER AS YOU PREPARE: "Dearest Lord, we thank you for your enduring love for us – a love so large that we cannot comprehend it fully. It is because we are loved that we are able to share kindness and love with others. In your name we pray, Amen." (Moravian Daily Text)*

**GREETINGS AND WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**HYMN:** "Sing Praise to God"

**MBW #537**

**\*A LITANY**

God calls us into community.

**We belong to each other.**

Our God has blessed us with a Christian community of friends.

**And we rejoice in our mutual support.**

Our God has blessed us with a community of faith that has a diversity of gifts and talents, abilities and insights, strengths and resources.

**Together, they are our strength, O God.**

We have been blessed by a community of faith that comes together not just in times of celebration, but also in times of crisis; that not only speaks words of love and hope, but also strives to live them.

**Because we know it reflects Your mercy and compassion,  
O loving God.**

God calls us into community.

**We know that we need each other and are called to appreciate  
the great variety of gifts You have given us to use.**

Help us to rejoice with those who are feeling joy and delight.

**Help us to sing with those who are singing Your love and praise.**

Help us to be aware of the agony of those who are hurting.

**Help us to share the burden of those who are in distress.**

Teach us to know and love one another better. Make visible the unity that You desire as we express a spirit of reconciliation in all our relationships. Show us that we are a part of the Body of Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witness and service. Lead us to appreciate the richness of our diversity and Your creative power at work in our various traditions and customs. Make us all one with You by the inspiration and guidance of Your Spirit.

**Lead us into lives worthy of our calling in Christ, with all  
lowliness, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another  
in love, and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the  
bond of peace.**

May the variety of traditions and customs of Your whole church become a multitude of lights to reveal the good news needed by people everywhere. May the varieties of our ministries and service convey Your redemptive love and bind us ever closer with one another.

**Grant us grace to unite in essentials, to accept diversity in  
non-essentials, and to love one another in all things. Amen.**

\*HYMN      “Create In Me A Clean Heart”      (MBW Page 79)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of salvation;  
anoint me with Your Spirit free.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

## A PREPARATORY TO COMMUNION

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## CHILDREN’S TIME

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

*Prayer Response: MBW #825*

**Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Incline Your ear to us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Praise God ...”      MBW #817

### PRAYER

## READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURE

The Old Testament	<b>Proverbs 25:6-7</b>	<b>Page 674</b>
The New Testament	<b>Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16</b>	<b>Pages 244</b>
The Gospel:	<b>Luke 14:1, 7-14</b>	<b>Pages 78</b>

MESSAGE      “Adaptation”

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Take My Life That It May Be”      MBW #610

## HOLY COMMUNION

**Services for Holy Communion – Page 3**

*“In Celebration of the Chief Eldership of Jesus Christ”*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## A PREPARATORY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*(Please Stand)*

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

In the beginning was the Word.

**In the Word there is life, and the Life is our Light.**

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world."

**Light of the World, shine on us in this hour.**

O Christ, You are the light of the world.

**Your light dispels the darkness of despair, doubt and death.**

Your light shows us the path to take in life.

**Your Light shines in the darkness, even on the darkest of days, and the darkness cannot overcome it.**

In the Light of the Living God, come let us gather at the Table of our Lord.

### **The Presentation of our Gifts**

Let us pray: Most Holy God, You are both gracious and merciful. You created this world for us, and through your goodness You nourish Your whole creation. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, we pray, that they might sustain us in this hour. Let these gifts be a reminder to us of the eternal life that is ours through of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Who loves us, and Who gave Himself and His life for us.

**Amen.**

### **Our Confession**

The grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**Amen**

Lord, hear our voices; and listen to our appealing.

**If You listed our iniquities, not one of us could stand in Your presence.**

However, we have heard some Good News: there is forgiveness within You!

**We wait upon the Lord, and hope in His Word.**

Friends, draw near to God, Who is already near to you. Humble yourselves and seek forgiveness.

**We will honestly look into ourselves and examine our attitudes and turn again to the Lord.**

*(Seated)*

Lord Jesus Christ, our only Mediator with God the Father, our mighty Savior and our glorious King, we humbly bow and confess our turning away from you.

**Humbly, O Holy One, we confess that there are many times when we have not lived as You would have us live, and we have done things that You do not want us to do, and we have said things that were better left unsaid. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and grant us Your pardon. In humility, we ask for Your forgiveness.**

Have mercy upon us, according to your loving kindness; hide Your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities.

**Remind us, O God, through the communion of this Holy Sacrament, the assurance of our pardon, of a greater strength to persevere, of an awareness of Your presence with us, and of the joyous expectation of eternal life in Your heavenly Kingdom for all who believe.**

Friends, hear what the Lord said: "I, I am the One who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Go, and sin no more."

**Thanks be to our gracious and merciful God, Amen!**