

THE NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 5th Sunday of Easter - 10:00am

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WELCOME! We are glad that you are here to join with us in this Season of Easter, for Easter Sunday is just the beginning of our encounters with Christ, our risen Lord.. If there is anything we can do to help make your experience with us a worshipful one for you today, please ask an usher.

Please note that we are Live-Streaming this service. To be considerate to those who will be joining us online, we will be starting our services as close to 10am as possible.

Thank you for silencing your cell phone.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Jesus says, “Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.” Amen.
John 15:4

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

“Sacred Word, speak to us today. Give us peace, and guide us ever onwards toward the day we may see your perfect will done on earth. Amen.”

*HYMN

“For The Beauty Of The Earth”

MBW #538

**1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.**

Refrain:

**Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]**

3 For the joy of human love.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

LITURGY “For Christian Unity”

MBW Page 122

(Standing)

Almighty God, you are the one who called this universe into being. Out of nothing you created everything that is.

By your power you hold together all space and time and substance.

By your hand alone, Creator God, the inanimate elements became alive so that we could live and move and have our being.

We celebrate life, the precious life you have given us, and we celebrate that unity of mind and emotions, of body and soul, that you want us to enjoy and share with each other.

We rejoice in the centrality of Jesus Christ in all your works, for he was with you from the very beginning, and is supreme over all creation.

We praise you that Christ is before all things, and that in him all things hold together, especially our very fragile, vulnerable, and often broken lives.

TUNE: DUKE STREET (MBW P. 122)

**Lord of all being, throned afar,
Your glory flames from sun and star;
Center and Soul of every sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how near!**

**Lord of all life, below, above,
Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
Before your ever-blazing throne
We ask no luster of our own.**

(Sitting)

We know that we will remain less than the whole persons you have called

us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, and so we bow before you and pray:

Almighty God, we confess that we have tried to run away and hide from you. We constantly deceive ourselves into thinking that we can live without you. We have made idols of our own achievements. We have treated other persons as though they did not bear your image. We have failed to enfold and include all persons within the outstretched and open arms of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And we have left undone those deeds of lovingkindness and godly justice that you want us to pursue in your name. Bring your Spirit upon us in a gracious, healing way. Make us agents of reconciliation as we live within your holy presence. Amen.

TUNE: BEECHER (MBW P.124)

**Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

We thank you, gracious God, for establishing the church as a single body of interdependent members, each having a place and purpose.

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 taste the agony of those who are hurting.

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

Take away jealousy and resentment from our hearts when we see others achieving success.

Fill us with that spirit of unity in Christ that lets us see and feel and

Fill us with that spirit of unity in Christ that lets us see and feel and know that we all belong to you through the grace we have received.

Teach us to know and love the world-wide church called out of all peoples and nations. Make visible the unity that you desire as we express a spirit of reconciliation in all our relationships. Show us that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus 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. We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us once again hear the watchword for the day and reflect upon it:

(Pause for Reflection)

Dear God, as we your people gather in every time and place around this wondrous earth, may we be strengthened by our awareness of one another and united by our mutual prayers.

Hear us and help us all, we pray.

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 variety of our ministries and service convey your redemptive love and bind us ever closer to one another.

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

(Standing)

TUNE: GAUDEAMUS PARITER (MBW P. 126)

**Join we all with one accord;
Praise we all our common Lord;
For we all have heard his voice,
All have made his will our choice.
Partners with the saints of old**

**Partners with the saints of old,
No more strangers in the fold,
One the Shepherd who us sought,
One the flock his blood has bought.**

**One the name in which we pray,
One our Savior day by day;
With one Cup and with one Bread
Thus one covenant way we tread.
One in spirit, one in life,
One amid earth's frequent strife,
One in faith and one in love,
One in hope of heaven above. Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURE

The New Testament: **Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40**

The New Testament: **1 John 4:7-21**

The Gospel: **John 15:1-8**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON “Where's the
Fruit?”

HYMN: “Christ For The World We Sing!”

MBW #640

- 1. Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal:
the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow worn,
whom Christ doth heal.**
- 3. Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with one accord:
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.**

4. Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with joyful song:
the newborn souls whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Response: P&W #221

I cast all my cares upon You,
I lay all of my burdens, down at Your feet.
And anytime, I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon You.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
INVITATION

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Praise God....”

MBW #817

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

*HYMN

“Called Together and United”

MBW #624

1. Called together and united

By the Spirit, we are one
Hearts and hands are consecrated
To the service of God's Son
We entrusted with Christ's mission
Will accept the gracious call.
Faith in action, ever always,
Till on earth Christ reigns in all.

2. By the Spirit we are gifted

To fulfill Christ's ministry
With the poor we share our riches,
Giving captives liberty
Hungry, thirsty – we will feed them,
Greet the stranger; care and heal;

Clothe the stranger, care and zeal,
Clothe the naked. Free the pris'ner;
serve with gladness and with zeal.

3. **Called by Christ, redeemed, accepted,
We are blessed with work to do.
By the Spirit, we're empowered:
"Tell the good news, life renew."
Our lives now reveal Christ's presence;
We will show God's love and grace.
Faith in action, ever, always,
While on earth we run our race.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The song/hymn notations indicate where songs are located:
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MBW – the Moravian Book of Worship
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