

# THE NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 19, 2021 17th Sunday after Pentecost - 10:00am  
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WELCOME! Today marks the beginning of our Fall seasons of worship, study and service. So, whether you are here for the first time, or back after a time away, or were here last week, welcome! Let us now turn our hearts, and lift our eyes toward our living Lord, who calms our fears, restores our hope, and fills our lives with a Spirit of abundant joy.

**Mask Protocol:** With the rise in infection rates and the new CDC recommendations, we ask that masks be worn while walking in and about in the building and to practice social distancing. **Masks** may be removed when seated in the pews or at a table.

*Thank you for silencing your cell phone.*

## GREETINGS AND WELCOME

### WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:

“Jesus said, “Whoever wants to be first must be  
last of all and servant of all.”                      Mark 9:35

### PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

“Shepherd of our soul, refresh and bless us. Jesus, preserver of our lives, help us guard our hearts and minds against evil. May our tongues be instruments of praise. Like you, Lord Jesus, may we seek to serve and not to be served. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.”

## PRELUDE

\*HYMN: “God of Wisdom, Truth and Beauty”                      **MBW Page 132**

**God of wisdom, truth, and beauty,  
God of spirit, fire, and soul ,  
God of order, love, and duty,  
God of purpose, plan, and goal;  
Grant us visions ever growing,  
Breath of life, eternal strength,  
Mystic spirit, moving, flowing,  
Filling height and depth and length.**

**God of drama, music, dancing,  
God of story, sculpture, art,  
God of all life and love,**

God of wit, all life embracing,  
God of ev'ry yearning heart;  
Challenge us with quests of spirit,  
Truth revealed in myriad ways,  
Word or song for hearts that hear it,  
Sketch and model forms of praise.

God of science, his'try, teaching,  
God of futures yet unknown,  
God of holding, God of reaching  
God of pow'r beyond each throne:  
Take the fragments of our living,  
Fit us to your finest scheme.  
Now forgiven and forgiving,  
Make us free to dare and dream.

### \*A LITANY

O God, our Creator, we praise You for the wisdom, power and love displayed in the universe. We praise You with our whole heart!

**Great are Your works, full of honor and majesty, and studied by all who delight in them.**

Light of the World, we praise You for being the eternal truth.

**All glory be to You, O Christ our teacher!**

Guiding Spirit, we praise You for the gifts of awe and wonder which lead us on the path of true wisdom.

**All glory be to You, O Holy Spirit.**

We rejoice in the gathering of God's people and give thanks for each one here, both friend and stranger. For each one is important in the Body of Christ.

**Together we are more than a group of individuals.**

The Kingdom of heaven turns traditional values upside down.

**The least becomes greatest, the first becomes last, masters become servants, and children become our examples.**

Jesus welcomed the children and the elders.

**And Jesus welcomed everyone in between.**

Jesus welcomed the rich and the poor,

**And He welcomed rulers and slaves,**

Jesus welcomed the "church people" – scribes and Pharisees,

**And He welcomed "common people" – fishermen and tent makers, doctors, widows, and people just like us.**

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Jesus welcomed the Jews and non-Jews, the good and bad, men and women, the military and civilian ... He welcomed everyone.

**In Jesus Name we too welcome one and all as God's people.**

As summer vacations end, and new adventures in worship, and music and study and fellowship begin, bless our Coming Back!

**Bless our coming back as we gather and worship together.**

Bless our coming back, as hear Your Word, and study its meaning for our lives today.

**Bless our coming back, as we share in times of fellowship.**

Bless our coming back, as we learn to connect the Words of our professions with the actions of our service.

**Bless our coming back with an awareness of Your Spirit.**

Friends, to you we say, welcome. Welcome to God's House. Let us come together and draw near to God in this time of worship.

**And God will draw near to us.**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)**

**Hear our prayers, loving God,  
For the parts of ourselves that we do not like ...  
and the parts of ourselves that will not fix themselves...  
the habits that become additions ...  
the tendencies to be self-serving ...  
the opinions that can become prejudice ...  
the insecurity that breeds envy...  
the misconception that we don't need others, or You,  
because we believe we can do it better ourselves ...  
for everything that leads us to separate ourselves from  
You and others ...**

**Open our eyes, melt our hearts, and draw us back.  
Free us from the guilt of our sin, and forgive us.  
Help us to trust in Your love more, and to doubt less.  
Help us to judge less, and to forgive more,  
And accept with joy and gratitude, the grace, mercy and  
peace You offer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SONG: "Spirit of the Living God"

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**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
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## READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURE

*(Page Numbers for the lessons are for the Bibles in the pews)*

**Old Testament:                    Jeremiah 11:18-20                    Page 793**

**New Testament:                    James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a                    Page**

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**The Gospel:                                    Mark 9:30-37**

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## CHILDREN'S TIME

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## SERMON

**HYMN: "Let It Be Said Of Us"**

**Let it be said of us  
That the Lord was our passion  
That with gladness we bore  
Every cross we were given  
That we fought the good fight  
That we finished our course  
Knowing within us the power of the risen Lord**

**Refrain:**

**Let the cross be our glory  
And the Lord be our song  
By mercy made holy  
By the Spirit made strong  
Let the cross be our glory  
And the Lord be our song  
'Till the likeness of Jesus  
Be through us made known  
Let the cross be our glory  
And the Lord be our song**

**Let it be said of us  
We were marked by forgiveness  
We were known by our love  
And delighted in meekness  
We were ruled by his peace  
Heeding unity's call  
Joined as one body  
That Christ would be seen by all.**

**Refrain**

**PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Response

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**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 AND OFFERINGS**

**INVITATION**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

**“Praise God....”**

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**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: “Sing Hallelujah Praise the Lord”**

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**Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord!  
Sing with a cheerful voice;  
exalt our God with one accord,  
and in His Name rejoice.  
Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
until in realms of endless light  
your praises shall unite.**

**There we to all eternity  
shall join th'angelic lays  
and sing in perfect harmony  
to God our Savior's praise;  
He has redeemed us by His blood,  
and made us kings and priests to God;**

**for us, for us, the Lamb was slain!  
Praise ye the Lord! Amen.**

**But not for us alone this news  
Was brought by Christ our Lord.  
'Twas meant for all the world to hear  
And thus with one accord  
With all God's children everywhere  
His name and sign with pride we bear  
To us, to us, this task is giv'n:  
To spread God's word. Amen!**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**"God of Wisdom, Truth and Beauty," © Jane Parker Huber  
"Spirit of the Living God" Daniel Iverson ©1963  
"Let It Be Said of Us" Word Music ©1994,1999**

**P&W – Songs for Praise and Worship  
MBW – Moravian Book of Worship**