

ORDER OF WORSHIP

21st Sunday of Pentecost – October 29th, 2017

*You are invited to stand, if able

PRELUDE: Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (BWV 639) J.S. Bach
I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ

WELCOME

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: David Rodgers & Jenn Eberhardt

Let us join our hearts and lift our voices in praise to God as we celebrate what it means to walk with Jesus everyday of our lives. Please stand as we sing our Jesus Walk theme song, Walking with Jesus.

***HYMN:** “Walking with Jesus”

Flag Bearers: Andrew Domashus & Ken Maynard

Walking with Jesus, by his side I'll stay. Walking with Jesus in the narrow way. Travelling along together day by day, I'm walking on the King's highway. Walking with Jesus: where I want to be. Worshipping and praising him on bended knee. Knowing that I love him and that he loves me, I'm walking on the King's highway.

(2x)

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND CARE CARDS

OFFERTORY: “This Little Light of Mine” Jesus Walk

1. **This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine... (3x)**

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. **Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine...**

3. **I won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine...**

4. **Gonna take this light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine...**

5. **This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...**

***DEDICATION:** #540 “Grant Us, God, the Grace” STUTTGART

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** Elaine McLuskey & Liz McDonald

Accept our gifts, loving God. Accept the love of our hearts. May these gifts be a blessing to your church. May our lives be a blessing to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER

Robert & Liz McDonald

O God, we thank you for Jesus and that, by his Spirit, he walks with us every day. We thank you that he shows us how to love you and our neighbors. We thank you that from him we feel your kindness and learn how to be kind ourselves. Thank you that because of his love for all, we hear your calling to love everyone, especially those who seem to be unlike us. In love, we pray for all who are in need: those who are sad or grieving; those who are lonely; those who are ill; those facing tough decisions or experiencing the pain of waiting; for these and others we ask your peace.

PRAYER

Rob & Liz McDonald

Loving God, you call your people from among the nations and gather us in communities. Thank you for bringing us together here this morning. Be among us and fill us with your Spirit. Help us to worship you in all that we think, say and do. Through Jesus, we pray, Amen.

***HYMN:** #365 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

JESUS LOVES ME

1. **Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.**

Refrain:

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

2. **Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.'**

Refrain

3. **Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.**

Refrain

GATHERING WITH COLLIER'S KIDS

Children are invited to gather and, after prayer, to join Collier's Kids.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Jesus Loves Even Me"

Jesus Walk

1. **I am so glad that my Father in Heaven, tells of his love in the book He has given:**

Wonderful things in the Bible I See; this is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

Refrain

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me.

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.

2. Though I forget Him and wander away still he doth love me wherever I stray.

Back in his dear loving arms do I flee, when I remember that Jesus loves me.

Refrain

3. O if there's only one song I can sing, when in his beauty I see the great king.

This shall my song in eternity be, O what a wonder that Jesus loves me!

Refrain

***HYMN: #262 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

EIN' FESTE BURG

- 1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper sure amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
for still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
with power and malice great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth he has no equal.**
- 2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:
dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**
- 3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed the truth to triumph through us:
the prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.**
- 4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Christ, who with us sideth:
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
God's kingdom is for ever.**

***HYMN: #345 "Come, Children, Join to Sing"**

MADRID

- 1 Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!**

- 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!
Christ calls his people friends,
the helpless he defends,
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!**

- 3 Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!
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SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:1-17

Rob McDonald & Rob Murdock

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

Sherry & Pat Hadley

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Caroline Bastian & Maureen Attwell-Murdock

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Colleen Baker & Rob Murdock

We ask your blessing upon our friends, our family and all who support us. We pray for those who are victims of violence, abuse and crime. We pray for those needing food and shelter. May they find love and support in someone who comes close to them. Help us to be the hands and feet of Jesus; neighbors to all who need to know your love. We pray these things in Jesus' name, and also as he taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever, amen.

***HYMN:** #575 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" I'M GONNA LIVE

1. **I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime!**
I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime!

2. I'm gonna work so God can use me...

3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me...

4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me...

***BLESSING**

***SUNG BLESSING:** A-men, A-men. A-men, A-men, A-men. (*repeat*)

POSTLUDE: Toccata and Fugue in d minor (BWV 565) J.S. Bach