ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Pentecost 2, United Church of Canada, Union Sunday*

*June 14th. 2020* – 10:30 a.m.

  **\*You are invited to say or sing the bold print**

**WE PRAISE AND PRAY**

**MUSIC:** “Here I Am Lord” by Mark Hayes *SANDRA RUTTAN*

**WELCOME**

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

**^****GATHERING WORDS:**

We praise you, O God,

for the blessings you have given us.

 **We thank you for keeping**

**and caring for us in this time of COVID-19.**

We raise our voices in response to God’s goodness.

**We thank you for the voice that speaks love**

**and offers hope in this time of pandemic and protests.**

We lift our hearts in sweet surrender to God’s mercy.

**We thank you for your goodness, praise and honour belong to YOU!**

\***HYMN:** VU# 217 “All Creatures of Our God and King” (vv. 1-3 & 5) *SANDRA RUTTAN*

**^PRAYERS OF ADORATION & RENEWAL**

*Silence*

We will surprise ourselves by what we can achieve in God’s strength.

**We trust God to strengthen us,**

**and to lead us into new and faithful ventures.**

Our discipleship will be breaking fresh ground,

**Thanks be to God who makes us co-creators of justice and joy!**

\***HYMN:** VU# 958 **“**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” *(with shakers and tambourine)* CARIBBEAN *SANDRA RUTTAN*

**WE GROW IN THE FAITH**

**^BIBLE READING:** Luke 2:21-40 *ANNE SNELL*

**21**On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

**22**When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord **23**(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%202:21-40&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24997a)]), **24**and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%202:21-40&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24998b)]

**25**Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. **26**It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. **27**Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, **28**Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

**29**“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
    you may now dismiss[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%202:21-40&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25003c)] your servant in peace.
**30**For my eyes have seen your salvation,
**31**    which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
**32**a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
    and the glory of your people Israel.”

**33**The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. **34**Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, **35**so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

**36**There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, **37**and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%202:21-40&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25011d)] She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. **38**Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

**39**When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. **40**And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

*This is the Word of God, for the People of God.* ***Thanks be to God.***

**THE REFLECTION:** “*Discipleship Call: The Blessing and Burden*”  *HEWITT HOLMES*

*Silence*

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

**THE NEW CREED** *(We are not alone) ONLINE VIDEO*

**PASTORAL PRAYERS**

**WE GO TO BE GOD’S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY**

\***HYMN:** VU# 639 “One More Step” *ONLINE MUSIC*

**^BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG:** “Go Now in Peace”  *ONLINE MUSIC*

10:15 am - online fellowship…

