



David's United Church of Christ

June 18, 2023

Third Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day

Online Worship Bulletin

Prelude – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" John Hughes, arr. Faye Lopez
Tim Williams, Music Director

Welcome & Announcements – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – "Here in This Place (Gather Us In)" (See below for Lyrics)

Call to Worship – *Sharon Gratto*

One: Come, let us gather in the awareness of God's love.

Many: God's love has brought us to this place; it has made of us a church.

One: We can live with confidence and hope, in the assurance that we are forgiven and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.

Many: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.

All: Let us praise this God of endless grace, and offer our hearts' true worship. Amen.¹

Invocation

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment – *Ted Elzroth*

Mission Moment

Invitation for Support – www.davidsucc.org

Offertory Music – "Give Me Jesus" Spiritual, arr. by Faye Lopez

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter.
One God Triune whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Special Music – "My Life is in Your Hands" Troccoli & Montville
sung by *Ted Elzroth*

Canticle – Psalm 33: 1-12 (adapted from The Message)

One: Good people, cheer God! Right-living people sound best when praising.

Many: We'll use guitars to reinforce our Hallelujahs! Play God's praise on the grand piano.

One: Invent your own new song to God; give God a trumpet fanfare.

Many: God's Word is solid to its core; everything God's made is sound inside and out.

One: God loves when everything fits, when the world is plumb-line true.

Many: Earth is drenched in God's affectionate satisfaction.

One: The skies were made by God's command; God breathed the word and the stars popped out.

Many: God scooped Sea into a jug, put Ocean in a keg.

One: Earth-creatures, bow before God; world-dwellers—get down on your knees!

Many: Here's why: God spoke and there it was, in place the moment God said so.

One: God takes the wind out of Babel pretense, shoots down the world's power-schemes.

Many: God's plan for the world stands up, all God's designs are made to last.

One: Blessed are those who have God for their God.

Many: Blessed are the people who live by God's will and way.

Scriptures – Hebrew – Genesis 18: 1-3, 8-15, 12: 1-3

Epistle – Romans 5: 1-8

Gospel – Matthew 9: 35-10: 1, 7-14, 16-20

Sermon – “God's Kin-dom Starts With Compassion” *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go” (see lyrics below)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **The Spirit calls each of us, but we are often reluctant to heed the call. The wind of the Spirit blows, at times fiercely, and draws us onward. Yet we cling to the fragile familiarities, to securities, and to safety. Help us to risk letting go, to stand free as your servant people. Fill us with vision, O God, lead us into the future, and enable us to grow toward a deeper understanding of your nature and way, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.¹**

Words of Assurance

Prayers of God's People, Silent Prayers, Communion & Our Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn – “Go to the World” (see lyrics below)

Benediction

Postlude – “O, How I Love Jesus” American Melody, arr. Lloyd Larson

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Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ter,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2. O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
 3. O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not
 4. O Cross that lift- est up my head, I dare not

wea-ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow thru the rain, and
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, and

in thine o-cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 in thy sun-shine's blaze its day may bright-er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom-ise is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end - less be.

WORDS: George Matheson, 1882
MUSIC: Albert L. Peace, 1884

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Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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