

Worship – August 8, 2021

Announcements

Welcome to worship with McClure United Church.
We do our best to be a church of welcome and mission.

I'm so happy that the office is open for visitors and for those who have church business to attend to. Currently the office is open Tuesday – Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 3:00. You will need to mask up and sign in but it will be good to see you.

I can be found in the church office Monday & Tuesday and Thursday & Friday however Wednesdays I am going to be working from home.

Laura is on holiday till the end of August.

Calling the church office is a good way to connect with me and all the information about our events can be found by checking the website or Facebook page.

I want to remind you about in person coffee time Friday mornings at 10am in the church parking lot. Bring along a lawn chair and your favorite beverage and we will gather in the shade and have a good visit. Everyone is welcome.

I know Eden and Brook, our summer community support folks, have been busy planning some things for us and Eden has some information for us and so I will turn things over to her for some announcements.

Opening words/ candle lighting

In the midst of the storms of worry and struggle we are not overwhelmed by the waves. For the God power has transformed us, equipping us through loving relationship, to survive and to thrive amidst life's chaos.

We are each part of the body of Christ.

We are free to live and to grow and to heal.

We are part of the body of Christ, many members but one body, equipped to serve, to look out for the others as others care for us. Together we worship and give thanks.

We **light this candle** to remind us of God's love for us and for God's promise to be a light for us each and every day.

Opening prayer

Creative God, beauty is all around us, in the birds call, in the crashing waves and in the silence of the sunrise.

Beauty is all around us in the people that you have created and gifted. As we pause now to consider you and what you are asking of us at this time, open our minds and our hearts. Help us truly see the beauty and honour it through our words and actions. In this time of worship calm our worries and heal our wounds. Send us from this time refreshed and renewed by your abundant love. Amen

Hymn: This is the Day – Coulthard Family

Scripture Reading: John 6:15-21

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Sermon: Rev. Debra Berg

Hymn: Don't Be Afraid – Coulthard Family

Pastoral Prayer

Companion God, we have had our share of storms this year some of us have found our way to the other side and some are still searching for a calm shore. Wherever we are, we seek your wisdom, your guidance and your healing.

Many in our church family, our community and our world are experiencing great struggles. And so we take a moment in our time of prayers to speak of those around us who are in need of help, comfort, healing and hope.

We pray for those who are sick that all may have the medical assistance they need and the gifts of healing in body mind and spirit.

We pray for those who are grieving that they may experience the comforting peace of your presence and the assurance that they do not walk alone.

We pray for those who are hungry, homeless, who are experiencing the stress and uncertainty of poverty. Give all with more resources the confidence to share generously and to speak to the powers that perpetuate unjust systems.

We pray for those who always find themselves in the last place, for those at the end of the line, for those who are left out or forgotten. Let all know the joy of being first in your eyes and give us the courage to work for change so that no one is left behind.

We pray for those who work in prisons especially for chaplains and volunteers who stand alongside those in pain, with love and grace.

We pray for those who seek to show hospitality to others in their homes and their workplaces and in the church. Help us create a world where everyone has a place and everyone belongs.

We take a moment now to pray for ourselves sharing with you prayers of concern and celebration and those prayers too deep for words. (silence)

We give you thanks that in the midst of our daily journey, to follow the way of Jesus - to love what is good and to do what is right you promised never to leave us or turn away from us. God, because you are companion and guide we will not be lost in fear. We pray always in the name of Jesus our teacher, the one who walks into the storm and the one who taught us to pray together saying

Our Father and Mother, 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, and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not
into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Benediction

Friends let us continue the journey walking in love.
Let us care for each other let us care for the earth.
Let us seek justice and make peace. God goes before us so let us live
boldly.

And may the
Grace of Jesus the Christ,
The Love of God and the
Companionship of the Holy Spirit be with us this day and every day.

Amen.

Sung Blessing: Like a Rock - Jim Gillis