**10th sunday after pentecost, august 14, 2022- WOV service**

**zion, philipsburg**

**land acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territory of the Anishinabewaki, Mississauga’s, and Neutral peoples. We give thanks to the Creator for this great gift and recognize our responsibility as treaty people to care for the land and waters that nourish us and give us strength. We also acknowledge that it is our duty to do more to learn about the rich history of this land to better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, caretakers, and sojourners.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to worship on this 10th Sunday after Pentecost, August 14th, 2022. We had some cooler weather this week after some incredibly hot days last week.

Today we are using the WOV Hymnal for all of the service (the psalm is printed in your bulletin).

Zion’s Council will meet this Thursday at 7:00. The Messenger will be prepared next week as I am on holidays the final week of August.

Are there any other announcements this morning?

**GATHERING SONG*****Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* (WOV 734)**

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.  
  
Refrain  
"Come home, (Come home,)  
come home! (come home!)  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"  
  
2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? Refrain  
  
3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. Refrain

**GREETING (WOV p. 46)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:13)*

**And also with you.**

You are the treasured people of the Lord, **a people holy to the Lord our God.**

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone, **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG (WOV p. 47)**

**Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe;**

**just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.**

**Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?**

All: **Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**For you alone are the Holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and worship before you,**

**for your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 47)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:****Jeremiah 23:23-29**

A reading from Jeremiah.

23Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? 24Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. 25I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” 26How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? 27They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. 29Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 82**

1God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:  
 2**“How long will you judge unjustly,** **and show favor to the wicked?**  
 3Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;  
 4**rescue the weak and the poor;** **deliver them from the power of the wicked.**  
 5They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;  
  all the foundations of the earth are shaken.  
 6**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,** **and all of you children of the Most High;**  
 7nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’ ”  
 8**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,** **for you shall take all nations for your own.**

**SECOND LESSON:****Hebrews 11:29--12:2**

A reading from Hebrews.

29By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.  
 32And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—33who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—38of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.  
 39Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.  
12:1Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Please rise for the GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 48)**

**Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you.**

**Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!**

**Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures.**

**Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!**

**Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!**

**GOSPEL: Luke** **12:49-56**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 49“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”  
 54He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. 55And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. 56You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD: HYMN*****I Want to Walk as a Child….(*WOV 640)**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.  
  
Refrain  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.  
  
2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. Refrain  
  
3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD:** **CREED AND CONFESSION (WOV p. 49)**

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,** **creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit** **and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,** **was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\*** **On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,** **and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,** **the communion of saints,** **the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,** **and the life everlasting. Amen**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. *Silence for reflection and self examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

**PEACE (WOV p. 50)**

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING*For the Fruit of All Creation*  (WOV 760)**

1 For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.  
2 In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.  
3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

**OFFERTORY prayer (WOV p. 50)**

**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;** **yours the anointing, the radiant worth.**

**Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;** **ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.**

**Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;** **yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

Let us pray together the offering prayer found on page 50 of WOV

God, our Creator,

**you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**THE PRAYERS**

Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. *A brief silence.*

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the world, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners *especially* the CLWR. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters *especially British Columbia and Newfoundland.*  Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. We remember all who struggle with illness or injury of the body, spirit or mind, especially, Sarah, Anne, Chris, John, Ruth, Phyliss, Marion, Rob, Vivian, Stuart, our members in long term care Esther, Robert, Barbara and Evelyn, and those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts. (pause). In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER (WOV p. 52)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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;**

**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,** **and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**BLESSING (WOV p. 53)**

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

**Amen**

May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**SENDING SONG*****Bind Us Together* (WOV 748)**

**DISMISSAL (WOV p. 53)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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