

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

August 8, 2021

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WELCOME

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Bread of heaven, feed us. Word of truth, teach us. Author of life, fit us for eternity amid our days on this earth, that our deeds may honor You. Help us to be kind and tenderhearted to one another and to forgive one another as, in Christ, You have forgiven us. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (472 NCH)

(Author: Thomas Andrew Dorsey (1932), Alt.; Irregular Meter.

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Congregational Singing, CCLI 11427736 (St. David's United Church of Christ)

- 1)** Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home
- 2)** When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear me cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home
- 3)** When the shadows appear and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

CALL TO CONFESSION

Again and again we assault God's design for human society with our own self-centered schemes. We lie and cheat and steal, without recognizing that we do so. We grieve the Holy Spirit with clamorous speech and vindictive actions that we seek to justify. We need to repent and realize forgiveness, for we cannot turn away from evil without God's help.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy Spirit, how we have grieved You! How often our words have been bitter, filled with malice and anger. How easily we have uttered lies of pretension and self-protection. How readily we take for ourselves the rewards of another's labor. Forgive all that is false and evil within us and among us. Free us from the self-justifying excuses that keep us from reaching out to one another. We want to believe, to trust, to live as imitators of Jesus Christ. Help us, gracious God as You hear our personal silent prayers ...

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God does not condemn us, but meets us in Jesus Christ with the words: "Go, and do not sin again." Whoever believe has eternal life. God does not wish to destroy us, but to lead us to fullness of life. Meditate on what God has done and be glad. Realize anew all that links you to God and humanity and find renewed wholeness. Forgive one another as God has forgiven you.

SONG: "Someone Else Living in You"

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- 1) Drink, drink, drink of the Spirit,
Drink, drink, drink of His Word.
Hold, hold, hold to His teaching,
And show that you really have heard.
Keep, keep, keep His commandments;**

Live, live, live in His grace.
Love, love, love as He first loved you,
And run for the prize in the race.

For there is Someone else living in you.
For there is Someone else dwelling in you.
For there is Someone else building His kingdom in you.
Yes, in you.
For there is Someone else living in you.
For there is Someone else dwelling in you.
For there is Someone else building His kingdom in you.

2) Drink, drink, drink of the Spirit,
Drink, drink, drink of His Word.
Hold, hold, hold to His teaching,
And show that you really have heard.
Thank, thank, thank Him for daily bread;
Thank, thank, thank Him for love.
Praise, praise, praise Him for Jesus' blood.
Salvation's a gift from above.

And there's a new day waiting for you.
And there's a new day of healing for you.
And there's a new day;
Jesus will come back for you,
Yes, for you.
And there's a new day waiting for you.
And there's a new day of healing for you.
And there's a new day;
Jesus will come back for you.

3) Drink, drink, drink of the Spirit,
Drink, drink, drink of His Word.
Hold, hold, hold to His teaching,
And show that you really have heard.
Sing, sing, sing with your heart on fire.
Sing, sing, sing with your mind.

Pray, pray, pray to the Spirit,
And love Him with heart, soul and mind.

For there is Someone else living in you.
For there is Someone else dwelling in you.
For there is Someone else building His kingdom in you.
Yes, in you.

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HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 34:1–8, John 6:35, 41–51, Ephesians 4:25–5:2

PSALM 34

Of David. When he pretended to be insane before Abimelek, who drove him away, and he left.

- ¹ I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
- ² I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- ³ Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
- ⁶ This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
- ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

JOHN 6:35

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

JOHN 6:41-51

⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven?'"

⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and

compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

5:1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: "Cantankerous"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

BENEDICTION

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted and forgiving.
Live in love as Christ demonstrated God's love.

CLOSING HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision" (#451 NCH)

(Ancient Irish Text, 8th Century. Translator: Mary E. Byrne; Versifier: Eleanor H. Hull; adapt.;
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- 1)** Be thou my vision, O God of my heart;
Nothing surpasses the love You impart—
You my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.
- 2)** Be thou my wisdom, and be my true word;
Ever within me, my soul is assured.
You and you only are first in my heart,
Now and forever your child I will be.

3) Riches I heed not, nor life's empty praise;
You my inheritance, now and always;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
Great God, my treasure, may we never part.

4) Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
