**November 14, 2021**

Pre Service Slides

10:30 AM

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**Prelude (Colin Bonneau)**

Pulpit

News and announcements

1. Welcome to November: Monday evenings 7 PM Bible 101, other things?

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**Candle lighting**

As we come to light our Christ candle, we give thanks, first of all, for all the saints who have held the Christ Light for us when we had no strength to hold it ourselves.

**We give thanks for all the saints whose lives stand as witness to light and love, and who invite our light to join theirs.**

And we give thanks also for those whose work for peace and justice, inspiring us to learn, grow, and discover our own light in this good work of healing the world with God’s love.

*The Christ candle is lit.*

**Call to Worship**

Our Scripture this morning will call us to provoke one another with love.

**How provocative!**

Provoke: to surprise, inspire, energize and even scare!

**Let’s be provocative!**

With good deeds and kindness, generosity and forgiveness;

**With extravagant loving of God and our neighbour we will provoke one another to love!**

**Opening Prayer** (**Hebrews 10: 24-25)**

God you created nature’s abundance.

You made all things to renew, heal, and even in death - to nourish the earth.

**We come this day to “consider how we too can provoke one another to love and good deeds.”**

Help us not “neglect to meet together”- even when we must do so masked or online. **Help us to encourage one another to stay connected and kind no matter what our lives or communities throw our way.**

God you created us in your abundant love. You made all things to renew, heal, and even in our imperfections to forgive and be forgiven.

**Thanks be to you God of all creation! Amen.**

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**Opening Hymn:** **MV 58** *We Sing of your Glory*

Center Connection Time

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**Reading from Scripture:**

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 reading from the New Revised Standard Version

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13:1-8 reading from The Message

As he walked away from the Temple, one of his disciples said, “Teacher, look at that stonework! Those buildings!”

Jesus said, “You’re impressed by this grandiose architecture? There’s not a stone in the whole works that is not going to end up in a heap of rubble.”

Later, as he was sitting on Mount Olives in full view of the Temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew got him off by himself and asked, “Tell us, when is this going to happen? What sign will we get that things are coming to a head?”

Jesus began, “Watch out for doomsday deceivers. Many leaders are going to show up with forged identities claiming, ‘I’m the One.’ They will deceive a lot of people. When you hear of wars and rumored wars, keep your head and don’t panic. This is routine history, and no sign of the end. Nation will fight nation and ruler fight ruler, over and over. Earthquakes will occur in various places. There will be famines. But these things are nothing compared to what’s coming.

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We respond:

In ages past, disciples, prophets, priests and historians wrote down their faith.

**This is a faithful witness of our ancestors.**

Word of God for us today.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Sermon:** Provoked into our faith

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**Hymn: MV 120** *My Soul Cries Out*

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**Prayer over offering**

Great Calling God, we thank you for your provocation to give generously of our love and offerings. We dedicate these offerings and our lives to you and your way, as Hannah and others have inspired us to do. have the saints of the past. Amen.

**DOXOLOGY MV # 149** *Peace for the Children*

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**Prayers of the People (italicized are from *First Samuel 2 selected verses*)**

God, you who unite us with our ancestors of faith, help us listen.

Help us listen and pray with Hannah, who yearned for love made known.

Help us listen and know you listen to our prayers as you listened to our great grandmother Hannah’s prayers.

*My heart exults in the Lord;**my strength is exalted in my God.*

*There is no Holy One like you, our Maker, no one besides you;  
    there is no Rock like our God.* *We seek your help God our Maker, to help us not let arrogance come from our mouths.*

But to allow kindness and hope to spread from our tongues.  
Those who are hungry get fat while those who were full seek bread

*7The Lord makes poor and makes rich   he brings low, he also exalts.  
8He raises up the poor from the dust;  he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.*

You seek our help in turning the world upside down. Help us pour out generously all that we can share, inspiring others to do the same.

Like Hannah, God of love, we have known grief and those who mourn are all around. Comfort all who grieve for what has ended and for those things never began.

Like Hannah, God of love, we give you thanks for the relationships that sustain us, even in times of illness and pain. Shower down on those we need strength and health.

And now, God of love, like Hannah we return to our daily living and we will wait to see what you will fill us with in your inspiration to love and to receive love!

We ask all this in the name of Jesus of Nazareth who sees all as the first arrival, even the latest or last. We say “each in the language of their heart” the Lord’s Prayer, in his name:

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**The Lord’s Prayer (Sung, VU 960)**

**Hymn:** **VU 675** *Will Your Anchor Hold?*

**Commissioning**

Our Scripture this morning provokes us and reminds us to pray diligently and love generously.

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Post Service Slides

**Postlude (Colin Bonneau)**