

August 3, 2025 Liturgy

GOD WELCOMES US

Welcome, God's Greeting, Prayer

Call to Worship:

One: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, & waits....

All: So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root....

One: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits....

All: Shallowness and fear claim the seeds and they cannot live.

One: God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, & waits....

All: These are the places of deep growth where the seed will cast down strong roots.

Joyful Joyful We Adore You

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before You, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt
away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You, earth and heaven reflect
Your rays; stars and angels sing around You,
centre of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in You.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
God our Father, Christ, our brother, all who live in love are Yours;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
for my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
for by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
for in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead

Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome

Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
and he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated

Jesus now and ever is my plea

Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free

Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
for he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me

Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to him

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me,

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Children blessed and leave

Proverbs 28:13 says, He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion. Let's confess our sins now and seek God's compassion together. Let's confess first in silence.

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

Scripture text: Matthew 13:1-9 p. 788

Message title: "Urban Renewal"

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart—it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,

ever, only, all for thee.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper and Prayer

GOD SENDS US TO SERVE

Offering: World Renew Canada Food Grains Bank

Benediction

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.

With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.