

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Ordinary Time

The entire worship service will also be streamed live starting at 9:30am at <http://www.firsthamilton.ca/live>

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WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 am

*Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude: Hymnal #250 - Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
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GOD GATHERS US

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: 2 Corinthians 8:1-4 (NRSVA)

Leader: We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God

that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints.

All: Generosity is the quality of being kind, plentiful, abundant, lavish, not selfish, willing to share, generous in spirit.

Leader: Come now to worship the God

who is the very definition of generosity,
and who calls each of us to be generous as well.

* **Song: Hymnal #660 - Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer**

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* **Greetings**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

* **Song: Following the Lamb**

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GOD RENEWS US

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God, we live in a culture of abundance,

We have more of everything than we really need and still we believe that we need more and more of everything in order to be happy.

All: Forgive us for our selfishness, our gluttony of things, and our wastefulness.

Forgive us for claiming to be your church in the world, but failing to share what we have with the world.

Leader: Lord God, you have given us all that we need, and yet we desire more.

All: Forgive us for failing to recognize that all that we have is yours and has been given to us to share with others. Forgive us for not finding the fullness of joy and happiness in you.

Leader: You are the God of generosity.

You gave all of yourself through Christ Jesus so that we could have life.

All: Forgive us for not following your example.

Continue to call us to a life of generosity.

Show us daily how we may meet the needs of others and be good stewards of all that you have given.

Leader: We confess that such generosity is difficult for us because it runs counter to our culture of abundance. But it is your heart and your command that we love you with all that we have.

All: Transform us through your Spirit so that we love our neighbors and care for them even as we love and care for ourselves. Transform us so that our first instinct is to share with others what has been so freely given to us. Amen.

(Adapted from Baylor University Worship Service. <https://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/253567.pdf>)

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: *The Worship Sourcebook 2nd Edition 2.4.1 p. 115*

Leader: Hear the good news!

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

All: Thanks be to God.

—based on Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Song: Hymnal #303 - Healer of Our Every Ill

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Children enter Children's Worship & Sunday School

Children: The Lord be with you

Youth & Adults: And also with you

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession | Darren Brouwer

GOD SPEAKS WITH US

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:1-14 (pew Bible page 1221)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: Generosity to our Communities

Prayer

* **Song: Hymnal #277 - God of This City**

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GOD NOURISHES US

Leader: What right do we have to dine at the Table of Jesus?

People: We have every right to dine at his Table

Leader: What gives us this right?

People: We have this right because Jesus came not for the strong, but for the weak; not for the righteous, but for the sinners; not for the self-sufficient, but for those who know they need rescue. To all who are weary and need rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who feel worthless and wonder if God even cares; to all who are weak and frail and desire strength; to all who sin and need a Savior—Jesus welcomes into his circle, adopts into his family, and reserves a place at his Table. For he is the mighty friend of sinners, the ally of his enemies, the defender of the indefensible and the justifier of those who have no excuses left.

Leader: What is our response to this good news?

People: To offer thanks to God and to come to the table with joy

(Adapted from A Gentle Answer: Our Secret Weapon in An Age of Us Against Them by Scott Sauls)

Let's Pray:

Leader: Loving God, You made this world marvelous for us to enjoy.

You gave Jesus to be our Savior, Lord, and friend, and to bring us to you.

You send your Spirit to make us one family in Christ.

For these gifts of love we thank you

and join with angels and saints in this joyful hymn of praise:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Institution

Pastor: Our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me."

People: For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Prayer of Consecration

Pastor: Send your Holy Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and juice, that we may know Christ's presence, real and true, and be his faithful followers, showing your love for the world.

Communion Music: Plenty of Love

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The Communion

Take, eat! Remember and believe that the body of Christ was given for you.

Take, drink! Remember and believe that the blood of Christ was shed for you.

The Thanksgiving

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the sacrament of his body and blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart.

Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

GOD RECEIVES OUR OFFERINGS

Offering: First Offering: Ministries of First Hamilton CRC

Second Offering: A Rocha Canada

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music: Hymnal #298 – Salaam/Peace

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD SENDS US

* Blessing

* **Song: Hymnal #302 - Hear Our Praises**

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Postlude: Following the Lamb

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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain. What they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: Latin, ca. 8th c.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt., P.D.

Music (WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7): Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt., PD.

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

A/E \flat E \flat A \flat /E \flat

1 Je - sus, draw me ev - er near - er as I la - bor
 2 Je - sus guide me through the tem - pest; keep my spir - it
 3 Let the trea - sures of the tri - al form with - in me

E \flat A \flat /E \flat E \flat

through the storm. You have called me to this
 staid and sure. When the mid - night meets the
 as I go, and at the end of this long

A \flat /E \flat E \flat

pass - age, and I'll fol - low though I'm worn.
 morn - ing, let me love you ev - en more.
 pass - age let me leave them at your throne.

Refrain E \flat /G B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat /G

May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing; may I

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer'. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is arranged for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system is a refrain with the lyrics 'May this journey bring a blessing; may I'. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: A/E-flat, E-flat, A-flat/E-flat, E-flat, A-flat/E-flat, E-flat, A-flat/E-flat, B-flat, E-flat/B-flat, B-flat, and E-flat/G.

A^b D^b E^b

rise on wings of faith; and at the end of my heart's

The first system of music features a treble staff with a vocal line and a bass staff with a piano accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). Chord symbols A^b, D^b, and E^b are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: "rise on wings of faith; and at the end of my heart's".

A^b/E^b E^b

test - ing with your like - ness let me wake.

The second system of music continues the piece. The treble staff has a vocal line with lyrics: "test - ing with your like - ness let me wake." The bass staff has a piano accompaniment. Chord symbols A^b/E^b and E^b are placed above the treble staff.

Following the Lamb

Where you go, I will go, where you go, I will follow.
Where you go, I will go, I will follow.

Where you stay, I will stay, where you stay, I will remain.
Where you stay, I will stay, I will remain.

Throwing off every sin that entangles, throwing off every weight that hinders me,
fixing my eyes on You, my Redeemer, I will go where You're leading me!

Where you go, we will go, where you lead, we will follow.
Where you send us, we will go, we will follow, follow, follow.

Throwing off every sin that entangles, throwing off every weight that hinders me,
fixing my eyes on You, my Redeemer, I will go where You're leading me!

I'm following the Lamb wherever He goes, I am following the Lamb wherever he goes,
I'm following the Lamb wherever He goes, I will follow, follow, follow.

We are following the Lamb wherever He goes, we're following the Lamb wherever He
goes, we will follow, follow, follow, follow.

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain D G D Bm G A

Heal-er of our ev-ery ill, light of each to-mor-row,

F#m Bm Em F#7 G Em A D *Fine*
Last time

give us peace be-yond our fear and hope be-yond our sor-row.

Bm F#m7 G

1 You who know our fears and sad-ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy, be-hold-ing how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth-er, ev-ery sis-ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel-ing, teach us all your

F Em A/D G *To Refrain*

peace and glad-ness. Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
 still un-fold-ing, give us all your vis-ion, God of love.
 ev-ery broth-er. Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
 way of heal-ing. Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each heart.

To use with Psalm 6: Sing the refrain, read vv. 1-3, refrain, vv. 4-5, refrain, vv. 6-7, refrain, vv. 8-10, and conclude with the refrain.

For another setting of Ps. 6 see 409

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God of This City

♩^C

You're the God of this cit - y, You're the King of these

Em/B Am F

peo - ple, You're the Lord of this na - tion, you are.

C

You're the light in this dark - ness, You're the hope to the

Em/B Am F

hope - less, You're the peace to the rest - less, you are.

C G/B F2

There is no one like our God.

Am G F G

There is no one like our God.

Refrain F 4th time to Coda G 3

Great-er things have yet to come, and great-er things are still to be done in this

C G F D.S. al Coda

cit-y. You're the God of this

Coda G 3 C

great - er things are still to be done in this cit-y.

Hear Our Praises

C Csus C G/B

1 May our homes be filled with danc - ing,
(2 May your light) shine in the dark - ness

Am F2 Gsus

may our streets be filled with joy.
as we walk be - fore the cross.

C Csus C G/B

May in - jus - tice bow to Je - sus
May your glo - ry fill the whole earth

Am F2 Gsus

as the peo - ple turn and pray.
as the wa - ter over the seas.

Refrain

C G/B F/A

From the moun-tain to the val-ley, hear our

Am7 Em7 F G7sus

prais - es rise to you. From the

C G/B F/A

heav - ens to the na - tions, hear our

Am7 Em7 F G7sus

sing - ing fill the air.

1 C Csus C 2 C

2 May your light