

A young child stands in the center of a doorway, looking towards the camera. The child is wearing a red and white long-sleeved shirt and light-colored pants. The doorway is framed by weathered, greyish-blue wooden doors. In the background, a white, textured wall is visible, with a blue door and a red and black garment hanging on a line. The ground is reddish-brown dirt.

Whoever
welcomes you
welcomes me

MATTHEW 10:40



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Watchword for the Week - Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance. Psalm 89:15

Prelude

Dr. Octavio Vazquez

***Introit**

The Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Nigel Powell

The Lord of mysteries shall reveal what is hidden!

The God of wonders shall unveil the unknown!

In the night God will whisper great secrets to our hearts,

At dawn we shall shout them from the tops of our houses!

Hear, and understand! See, and perceive!

To us God will give the secrets of the kingdom and the task to spread God's word!

INVOCATION

Gracious God, we are your disciples. How we want to be like you! Gracious God, we are your presence. How we want to love like you! Gracious God, we are your servants. How we want to serve like you! Take our minds: enlighten them. Take our hearts: inspire them. Take our hands: enliven them—not that we might be made great through you, but that you might be made great through us!

GENERAL LITURGY 4: CREATION

ROEDER

VOICE: God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,

CHOIR: How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?

ALL: God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,

How does the creature cry Woe?

How does the creature cry Save?

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Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

Princes and rulers, men and women, old and young together,

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget none of his benefits.

He forgives our sins and heals our diseases; he redeems our lives and crowns us with love and compassion.

We have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart, in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins.

(Sitting)

Gracious God, we confess to you our sins: sins of oppression, when prejudice, fear, and hate rule our hearts; sins of neglect, when we poison the earth for profit or we ignore please for mercy and justice; sins of pride; and sins of greed. Lord, forgive us when we feed our anger and bathe in our despair. Hear now our confessions and know our hearts.

(Silent Confession)

Have mercy, O God, according to your unfailing love;

Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Amen.

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgression from us.

MARTIN NYSTROM

Voice: As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Choir: You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.

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In praise of our Creator, let us affirm our faith.

(Standing)

**I believe in the one true God, the Father of humanity,
who creates and sustains the universe**

in wisdom and power,
who calls us into being and into relationship with God by grace,
whose nature is love.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
who lived that we might see God,
who died that we might be reconciled to God,
who rose again that we might experience
the life of God,
who freely accepts and welcomes all who come to him, not on the basis of
their merit,
but on the basis of his unconditional love.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
who is God present with us now,
who shows us our need for God,
who assures us of God's love in all circumstances,
who lives the life and the love of Jesus Christ through us.

In this faith I will seek to live in harmony with God, with people everywhere,
and with all of creation. Amen.

HYMN #600 "Jesus Calls Us"

Welcome & Announcements

Sis. Nathalie Edwards

Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #447 "With Your Presence, Lord"

Greeting Hymn # "I Am Blessed"

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Scripture Readings

#1st Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 28: 5-9

Bro. Alan C. Joseph

2nd Scripture Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Sis. Winnifred Farquharson

*Choral Response #846 "Glory be to you, O Lord"

*THE GOSPEL

Mathew 10:40-42

Sis. Blondel Jones Grant

*Choral Response #846 "Praise, Praise, Praise, Praise"

Worship Selection

The Chancel Choir

SERMON:

Rev. Nigel Powell

(Silent Meditation)

Prayers of Intercession

General Liturgy 4: CREATION

We offer thanks to you, Creator God, for your artistry in frost and snow in the icy stillness of winter, for new life bursting forth and blooming in spring.

We thank you for sunshine and rain and for growth in summer, which you nurture into the fruitful abundance of autumn.

We thank you for the seasons of the spirit, for joy and sorrow, for pleasure and pain, for gladness and grief, for friendship and solitude.

We are grateful to you for your sustaining presence in all circumstances, and for giving us the strength through which we can do all things.

We pray for those who because of greed or selfishness exploit the gifts of the earth, that they may learn to be careful stewards of your creation.

We pray for all who by their commitment and involvement are working to preserve our planet, that you would multiply their efforts.

We pray for those who suffer from prejudice, poverty, or pain, that you would draw near to them and provide for them true justice and mercy.

We pray for those whose lives are being wasted in careless living or despair, that they may find the joy of self-discipline and the hope that comes through Christ.

We pray for your whole church, that it may become a powerful agent of reconciliation and renewal in the name of Jesus Christ.

We pray for all people, that everyone will recognize your awesome majesty and bow in obedient and joyful service.

*HYMN #462 (verses 4, 5, & 6) "God of the Sparrow"

Worship Through Giving

Sis. Elaine Merchant

Offertory Sentence:

Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the LORD's offering for the work of the tabernacle of

meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments. (Exodus 35:21 NKJV)

Dedication of Tithes and Offering:

Eternal Father God, we willingly bring you today our gifts of tithes and offerings. Bless them and use them for the work of your church and its service to all people. In the name of Jesus.

AMEN

Offertory Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul”

The Chancel Choir

(Standing)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Benediction:

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil: he shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #543

“Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord”

Postlude

Dr. Octavio Vazquez

The Call to Worship, Invocation, and Benediction are inspired by Phyllis Cole and Everett Tilson's publication, "Litanies and Other Prayers".

This Liturgy was adopted from WORSHIP, Moravian Church Northern Province Synod of 2014 Sunday, June 22, 2014.

#Means the lesson is read responsively. * Means that the congregation stands.

WELCOME

On behalf of the United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we gather to worship on the Third Sunday after Pentecost. May we share and experience the love of Jesus; find healing for our hurts and answers to our prayers. Visitors, we are especially glad that you are here with us. Please join us for a moment of fellowship in the Social Hall after our worship. We invite you to worship with us again and please join our fellowship if you are seeking a church home. May God bless you.

Announcements June 29, 2014

- Starting next week worship services will begin at 10:00 am, and will continue until Aug. 31st.
- Bible Study continues on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm until July 2nd and picks up again on September 3rd.

- Members can now send us their prayer requests and download copies of the Sunday bulletin by visiting our web site at www.unitedmoravian.org.
- We invite you to become a communicant member of this congregation. All you need to do to get started is to submit a membership application to the church office or any member of the Board of Elders.
- Sis. Calma Gumbs made a donation towards today's bulletin in memory of her Aunt, Ella May Herman.
- Sis. Alma Thompson wants to thank Rev. Powell and all those who visited, called and sent cards during her convalescing period.
- This month is designated as "Greater Giving Month". Every member is encouraged to give \$5 or \$10 more per week for each of the five Sundays in the month.
- The church insurance policy with Guide One Insurance Company costs \$25,807 annually and is up for renewal July 1, 2014. The first quarterly installment of \$6,482 is due that day. Members, please contact the Board of Trustees if you know anyone in the insurance business.
- Right after service today there is a meeting for Y.O.U. members & their parents.
- All group leaders and Sis. O. Simon, I. Joseph, Bro. E. Henry and W. Nicholas are asked to meet with Sisters Mason and Grant regarding All Nations Rally planning after worship today in the library. Groups are Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis, U.S. Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago and the U.S.A.
- The Virgin Islands group will meet separately today as well.
- The Men's Fellowship will also meet today after the service.
- The last event notice for today is the Fellowship Moravian Church 26th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service. It will be held in their church auditorium at 3:00 pm. The dinner is free, but a Love Offering will be appreciated.
- The Evangelism Committee will meet tomorrow at 7:00 pm.
- The Evangelism Committee will also host the Intercessory Prayers during the month of July.
- The Board of Elder's will meet this Tuesday the 1st at 6:30 pm.
- Vacation Bible School will run for three weeks beginning on Monday, July 7th and ending on Friday, July 25th. The theme this year is "Praise Break".
- **Rev. Powell will go to Jamaica to preach at Holy Cross Moravian Church on Sunday July 6, 2014. The Joint Board has therefore agreed that United shall not receive Holy Communion on July 6th. Our Holy Communion service will be held instead on Sunday July 20th at 10:00 am.**
- Sis. C. Martin-McKay will be in charge of service on July 6th.
- The annual John Hus Festival will be held this year on Sunday July 13th at 10:00 am. We will have one bus for 28 persons going there. Please contact Sis. Olivette Simon or Bro. Oswald Steele if you plan to get a seat. All seats are \$15. The bus will leave United that morning at **8:45 SHARP**.
- Pathways to Housing is a neighborhood non-profit agency that has rented our Social Hall numerous times. They are seeking volunteers to assist in various roles. The list is available on the Nartex board and the rack.

- The All Nations Rally weekend is scheduled for Sat. & Sun. July 19th & 20th.
- The UMC picnic is on Saturday, July 26th at FDR Park in Yorktown Heights, NY. Two buses will leave the church at 8:00 am. Tickets for adults are \$30 & \$20 for children. Please see Bro. Abel or Bro. Farquharson for tickets or more information.
- The service commemorating Jamaica's Anniversary of Independence will be held at UMC on Sunday July 27th at 3:00 pm.
- You are invited to join the Youths of United and the Youth Advisory Committee on Saturday August 16th to Lancaster, PA. A great breakfast awaits you, followed by the Sight and Sound show of Moses, a delicious buffet lunch and outlet shopping. Seats are limited. Please reserve yours today with any member of the YAC. Adults 18 & over \$135, Teens (13-18) \$100, and Children 12 and under \$75.00.
- The basket of flowers for Sis. Dominique Roman is in celebration of her 14th birthday, and promotion to the 9th grade with honors. With love from her grandmother and mother Acia Donahue & Dyreeta Donahue.
- **USHERS for next week are: Sisters Shakura Jarvis, Nyasia Nicholas, Trudy Steele, Jade Taylor, Kushamba David and Brothers Norris Hamilton, Glennoy Hazel & Jordan McKay.**

**JUNE
BIRTHDAYS**

Sis. Mary Joseph	2 nd	Sis. Olivette Simon	18 th
Bro. Marquese Philip	3 rd	Bro. Raymond Miller	21 st
Sis. Teandra Hamm	4 th	Sis. Diarra Philip	23 rd
Sis. Loydis Percival	5 th	Sis. Dominique Roman	29 th
Sis. Andrea Williams	9 th	Sis. Junie Steele	30 th
Bro. Gregory Brown	12 th	Sis. Jade Taylor	30 th

CHRISTIAN STEWARSHIP 2014

SUNDAY FIVE

GIVING GOD A PERCENTAGE OF MY INCOME GENEROSITY

Faithful Biblical Stewardship
God is the Creator and Giver
All we have is from God
God gives that we may give

First Fruits giving: First giving back a portion of what has been giving to you by God. This is the first tenth (tithe). Giving God back a percentage of what he has blessed us with. Whatever the income.

This was instituted by God to help support the purpose of the church.

This is a faith commitment that is commanded by God.

By giving a percentage of income, with the goal of 10%, we create pools of sufficiency and provide for practical financial ministry needs of the Church and for the needs of the poor and suffering.

We will all benefit if we are generous as God is generous to us.

Paul writes, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

GIVE GENEROUSLY OF WHATEVER GOD GIVES YOU

Taken from Percentage Living
Rev. Gary T. Marsh

2014 COMING EVENTS	July	Services start at 10:00 am
	July 6 th	Worship Service— Celebrant— Sis. C.M. McKay
	July 13 th	Worship Service - Pastor
	July 19 th - 20 th	All Nations Rally
	July 20 th	Worship Service & Holy Communion- Pastor
	July 27 th	Worship Service - Pastor
	July 27 th	Jamaica Independence Service @ 3:00 pm
	Aug.	Services start at 10:00 am
	Aug. 3 rd	Worship Service & Holy Communion
	Aug. 10 th	Worship Service - Invited Guest
	Aug. 17 th	Worship Service Youth

**PRAY & GIVE SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Sis. Jannette Abel
Sis. Madiana Baptiste
Sis. Alicia Benjamin
Sis. Anna Bishop
Sis. Anne Browne
Bro. Tralane Donovan
Sis: Ludwina George
Sis: Millicent Hodge
Sis. Eva Joseph
Sis: Minerva Joseph
Sis. Carmelita Keith
Sis. Rose Lemond
Sis. Bernice McLean
Sis. Hyacinth Pelle
Bro. Berwin Roberts
Bro. Al Thomas
Sis. Winifred Thomas
Sis. Muriel A. Sealey
Bro. Luvey Williams
Sis. Iris Woodley

Listening to the Sermon

Use the space provided below to make your personal notes. Reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on them over the coming week. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to apply God's truth to your heart and life.

SERMON TITLE

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Main points to remember

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Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:

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Giving and receiving

Jesus has a way of inviting us to see things from another perspective—that is, to turn from our perspective to God’s perspective. We can read today’s Gospel and glean only the part about giving a cup of water: “Yes, we should share with others.” As Jesus sends out his disciples, his words actually focus on the other perspective: not the giving, but the receiving.

The people of Jesus’ day often resisted the disciples and their message. Accepting might indicate some weakness or inadequacy on their part. Receiving might indicate they didn’t understand something as well as they thought they did. Getting help could be interpreted to mean that they flat out needed help. Thus the act of receiving called for humility rather than generosity. While generosity can be a challenge in itself, living with genuine humility has proved to be far more difficult for most people, then and now.

Consider Jesus’ Beatitudes. Those who are poor or weak or hungry know much more about how to receive, but we humans resist being thought of as “needy,” until we become quite adept at resisting blessings—even from the Lord. So whether it is the gift of cup of cool water, the correction of a righteous person working beside you, the words and/or actions of a disciple that the Savior is using to speak to you, or the direct influence of the Lord, beware of letting your pride create a barrier between you and God’s gifts.

While Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Romans 10:35), here Jesus is saying, “Giving is important, but spiritually speaking, it is also important to be able to receive.”

*Dean Easton, pastor, Lancaster Moravian Church,
Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

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Third Sunday after Pentecost

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