

**STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH
MEWASSIN UNITED CHURCH
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WELCOME to our service this morning!

This morning our worship is a little bit different. Through music, readings, and prayer, we are invited to open ourselves to God's presence...to feel deeply the relationship we each have with God. Our God yearns for us to experience peace, and to find strength and healing. May this time of worship be a door that opens to allow peace, healing and strength to enter in.

WELCOME

TOGETHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE: VU#381 'Spirit of Life' (sung twice)

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.

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GATHERING WORDS: Frederick Buechner

MUSIC: 'There Is a Balm In Gilead'

PRAYER: (unison)

We come to you O God who has created us and who sustains us: We come with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for your voice. Create a spirit within us that leads us closer to you; a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your peace. We offer this prayer in hope. Amen.

HYMN: VU #395

‘Come In, Come In and Sit Down’

Refrain:

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

Verse 1

You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.

Verse 2

God is with us in this place,
like a mother’s warm embrace.
We’re all forgiven by God’s grace,
for we are a part of the family.

Verse 3

There’s life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God’s temple, it’s not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family.

Verse 4

There’s rest for the weary and health for us all;
there’s a yoke that is easy, and a burden that’s small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain:

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

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A POEM BY JOYCE RUPP:

‘Instruments of God’.

MUSIC:

‘Ordinary Miracle’

READING FROM SCRIPTURE: Psalm 121 'I lift up my eyes'

MUSIC: 'You've Got a Friend'

A READING: 'The Starfish'

MUSIC: 'It Is Well With My Soul'

READING FROM SCRIPTURE: **1 Corinthians 13: 1-13** 'The gift of love'

MUSIC: 'What the Lord Has Done In Me'

JOYS AND CONCERNS: (please unmute your microphone)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC: 'You'll Never Walk Alone'

READING FROM SCRIPTURE: **Jeremiah 29:11** 'I know the plans I have for you'

MUSIC: 'I'll Walk With God'

MUSIC: 'When I Return'

CLOSING WORDS: 'Henri Nouwen'

HYMN: 'His Eye is On the Sparrow'

Verse 1

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come.
why should my heart be lonely and long for Heav'n and home
when Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

REFRAIN:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Verse 2

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness I lose my doubt and fears;
Tho' by the path He leadeth but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;

REFRAIN:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Verse 3

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He cares for me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He cares for me;

REFRAIN:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

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BLESSING AND BENEDICTION: (responsive)

The way is long.

Let us go together.

The way is difficult.

Let us help one another.

The way is joyful.

Let us share it.

The way is open before us. Let us go:

with the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thanks and gratitude to everyone who offered their gifts today. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful group of people who so willingly share their time and talents!

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| ANNOUNCEMENTS AUGUST 09, 2020 |
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ROOF REPAIRS AT STONY PLAIN UNITED: Roof repairs will continue through August. If you have not read the Property Chair's report, please contact the office for a copy.

PARKLAND FOOD BANK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: If you can spare a few hours a week to help our neighbours in need, please contact the Parkland Food Bank at www.parklandfoodbank.org for information and the application process. Volunteers are needed in the area of the general warehouse in reception, filling orders, produce preparation, food repackaging and hamper assembly.

PREVIOUS SERVICES AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE: If you missed a service, or would like to hear one again, the audio versions for all our Zoom services are on the website. As well, the previous week's video version can be viewed any time during the week following the original recording. Go to www.stonyplainunitedchurch.com and once you are on the home page, scroll down past Rev. Heathers letter. To the right of 'Announcements', you will see 'Past Sunday Worship Service Links'. Click on the service you would like to access.