

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2020

AVAILABLE beginning THIS Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

Our thanks to Moira Nikander-Forrester for being this week's song leader!

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PARTICIPANT PARTS -

VU #356 - Seek Ye First the Kingdom

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.

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- Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.
- We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Hallelu, hallelujah.

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Prayer of Reconciliation:

Understanding God,
we admit that we have surely disappointed you,
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with all our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
For these, and other missteps, we are truly sorry.
By your immeasurable grace,
watch for us to try anew to live and love as Jesus,
so that we may walk in his ways and honour your will.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Affirmation:

Hear this and believe! The past is behind us; the future is before us; the moment of new beginnings is now!

Having acknowledged our regret for wrongs done, we commit to doing better. For it is by this that we are made right with God. Hallelujah! Amen.

VU #120 - O Jesus, I Have Promised

- O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:

 I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;

 I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;

 my foes are ever near me, around me and within;

 but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.
- O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
 O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
 now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.
- O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.

 And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;

 O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.

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Prayers of the People:

O God, Lover of the world, you hold all that you have created within your compassionate embrace, ultimately involved and intimately concerned for the well-being of each and all.

As you hold our lives, torn by sorrow, anguish, or hatred within your aching heart, we cry out for

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relief and release – for ourselves, for those we love, and for our world.

May your healing presence gently transform the places of our lives where we hold disappointment and pain. May your loving presence be a comforting reality for all who find themselves in despair, lost or alone, especially during this time of Covid-19.

May your transforming presence create generosity where there is greed, harmony where there is violence and chaos, everlasting justice where evil now reigns— particularly where racism exists or any form of discrimination denies a person or people their dignity, their integrity, their freedom of assembly, expression, or choice of life companion.

O God, lover of the world, from the silence of our own hearts, we remember before you these people and places that need your healing, loving, and transforming presence.

Pausing for silent, private prayer...

O God, lover of the world, hear our prayers and in your love answer, tomorrow as today, then as now, always and forever.

Amen.

VU #651 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
 - I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.
 - Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
- Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

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Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,

be thou still my strength and shield,

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When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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