**Worship Service – June 6, 2021**

**Welcome**

Good morning and welcome to this service of worship. I’m glad that you’re part of this online gathering and I pray that this time would be a great encouragement to your faith. May God’s presence be very real to you and your family as we pray, sing, and worship God together.

**Opening Prayer** – Heather Pattenden

**Call to Worship**

It is good to give God thanks, to sing praises to the Most High!

Let us sing for joy to God who has made us glad.

Let us declare God’s steadfast love in the morning,

and God’s faithfulness by night.

So come to worship God with thankful, joyful hearts!

Let us praise God’s holy name together.

**Hymn of Praise**: Great is the Lord (sung 2x)

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,

By His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,

By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,

Now lift up your voice.

Great is the Lord.

Great is the Lord.

**Prayer of Confession**

God of purpose and possibility,

you give us work to do and the skills we need to accomplish your calling.

Yet we prefer to follow our own ways.

We resist your wisdom and fail to consider the suggestions of others.

We think we know better.

Forgive our stubborn nature

and our unwillingness to reconsider our own views.

By the power of your Holy Spirit and the grace of Christ our Lord,

give us a teachable spirit to learn new ways to serve you

and live as good neighbours in church and community.

Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

The prophet Micah reminds us that God requires three things of us:

to do justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

To all who turn away from self-interest

and seek reconciliation with God and neighbour in kindness and humility,

God offers forgiveness and peace.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Song of Reflection:** As the Deer

1. 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.

*Refrain:*

You alone are my strength and shield.

To You alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire

And I long to worship You.

2. I want You more than gold or silver,

Only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver

And the apple of my eye. *(Refrain)*

3. You're my friend and you are my brother,

Even though You are a King.

I love you more than any other,

So much more than anything. *(Refrain)*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Generous and gracious God,

with your great mercy, you have made us alive together with Christ.

By your grace we are saved from sin and despair,

and promised hope for everlasting life with you.

You have shown us immeasurable riches through your grace and mercy,

and we offer you our deepest gratitude, now and always.

We pray that each person will know the fullness of your gifts

in ways that touch their deepest needs.

We pray for those dear to us

and all those we’ve come to lean on in the months of the pandemic…

We pray for those who are struggling in isolation or frustration…

for all those who experience illness or pain in body, mind or spirit…

for all who have lost someone or something central to their lives

and have to cope with grief and loss…

May all these, your children, know your grace and mercy.

We pray for peace and safety in the world…

for countries struggling to care for their citizens and to rebuild their economies…

for all who do not receive the respect and consideration they deserve…

for all those persecuted for their faith or their views…

for all who are disenfranchised and long to live in freedom…

May all these, your children, know your grace and mercy.

We pray for your church around the world and for the congregations we know…

for the work of Christian churches across Canada and the faithful ministries they lead in this time of working at a distance…

and for ministers and other leaders who are finding this time of planning and decision making very stressful…

May your church in all its many expressions know your grace and mercy.

We pray for the concerns on our hearts this day,

for the fears and frustrations we struggle with…

for any troubled relationships…

for the doubts and the hopes which compete within us…

for any need of healing and support…

May we, your children, know your grace and mercy.

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Scripture Lesson:** Jeremiah 5:20-31 – Derrick Graham

**Sermon:** “Hear, O Israel”

**Prayer after the Sermon**

Eternal God,  
teach us to love you not only in mind and heart  
but also in purpose and action,  
that we may love the children of the earth,  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Hymn of Commitment:** More about Jesus would I know

1. More about Jesus would I know,  
More of His grace to others show;  
More of his saving fullness see,  
More of His love who died for me.

*Refrain*:  
More, more about Jesus,  
More, more about Jesus;  
More of His saving fullness see,  
More of His love who died for me.

2. More about Jesus let me learn,  
More of his holy will discern;  
Spirit of God, my teacher be,  
Showing the things of Christ to me. [Refrain]

3. More about Jesus in His Word,  
Holding communion with my Lord;  
Hearing his voice in ev'ry line,  
Making each faithful saying mine. [Refrain]

4. More about Jesus on his throne,  
Riches in glory all His own;  
More if His kingdom's sure increase;  
More of His coming, Prince of peace. [Refrain]

**Benediction**

Hear this: the Lord our God is the one and only Lord.  
Therefore go out into the world  
and love the Lord your God   
with all your heart, soul, mind and strength,  
and love others as you love yourself.