

# WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action.  
We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

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## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2020 10:30 a.m.

### Assisting in Worship

**Soloist:** Wilma Bell Wessel

**Reader:** Blaine Dodds

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**Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.**

**\* You are invited to stand**

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

### PRELUDE

\*WE SING VU #595

We are Pilgrims

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travelers on the road;

we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

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## GATHERING WORDS

We come as seekers, searching for answers in the storms of life.

**Fumbling for liberation in the wilderness.**

Seeking certainty in our faith and our lives. Longing for the land of Milk and Honey.

**Fumbling for liberation in the wilderness.**

But finding only the chaos and discomfort of the wilderness, we search for comfort in the discomfort.

**Fumbling for liberation in the wilderness.**

Because it is in the wilderness, we find the 'who will be'.

**Fumbling for liberation in the wilderness.**

Come! Let us enter the wilderness together in the Spirit of openness and hope.

**Amen.**

## WELCOME

### OUR OPENING PRAYER

**...Unknowable Mystery,**

**We honour the presence of the holy in our midst.**

**May the "kin-dom" flourish among us.**

**May we have only what we need each day that all might have enough and more tomorrow.**

**May we be as generous in offering forgiveness as we have been humbled and grateful in being forgiven. May we be strengthened through our trials; and may we face evil with courage, truth and love. As we pray in Jesus' name, may we also walk in his way. Amen.**

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a community of Jesus the Christ **nurturing spiritual exploration and growth, we advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.**

#### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### **WE LISTEN**

#### SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

VU # 701          What Does the Lord Require of You?

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,

walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness,

and walk humbly with your God.

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HEBREW BIBLE

Exodus 17:1-7

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

**may we find wisdom for living.**

ANTHEM

Solo: Wilma Bell Wessel

SPECULATION

## **WE RESPOND**

\*WE SING VU #690      From the Slave Pens of the Delta

'From the slave pens of the delta,  
    from the ghettos on the Nile,  
let my people seek their freedom  
    in the wilderness awhile':  
so God spoke from out of Sinai,  
    so God spoke and it was done,  
and a people crossed the waters  
    toward the rising of the sun.

'From the aging shrines and structures,  
    from the cloister and the aisle,  
let my people seek their freedom  
    in the wilderness awhile':  
so the Son of God has spoken,  
    and the stormclouds are unfurled,

for his people must be scattered  
to be servants in the world.

When we murmur on the mountains  
for the old Egyptian plains,  
when we miss our ancient bondage,  
and the hope, the promise, wanes,  
then the rock shall yield its water  
and the manna fall by night,  
and with visions of a future  
shall we march toward the light.

In the maelstrom of the nations,  
in the journey into space,  
in the clash of generations,  
in the hungering for grace,  
in our agony and glory,  
we are called to newer ways  
by the God of our tomorrows  
who is God of earth's todays.

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

OUR PRAYERS

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

\*OUR RESPONSE MV #196

We Will Take  
What You Offer

We will take what you offer,  
we will live by your word;  
we will love one another  
and be fed by you, Lord.

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\*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

## **WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*WE SING VU #131      If Our God Had Simply Saved Us  
(v.1,2,4,5,12,15)

If our God had simply saved us,  
merely brought us out of Egypt,  
only opened up our prison: Dayeinu!\*

***Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,  
Dadayeinu, dayeinu, Dayeinu, dayeinu!  
Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,  
Dadayeinu, dayeinu, dayeinu!***

If our God had split the Red Sea:  
made a way through walls of water,  
only opened up the waters: Dayeinu!

***Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,  
Dadayeinu, dayeinu, Dayeinu, dayeinu!***

***Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,  
Dadayeinu, dayeinu, dayeinu!***

If our God had brought us over,  
led us safely on to dry land;  
(even though it was a desert): Dayeinu!

***Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,  
Dadayeinu, dayeinu, Dayeinu, dayeinu!***

***Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,  
Dadayeinu, dayeinu, dayeinu!***

If our God had only led us,  
only gone ahead to guide us,  
given cloud and fire to lead us: Dayeinu!

***Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,  
Dadayeinu, dayeinu, Dayeinu, dayeinu!***

***Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,  
Dadayeinu, dayeinu, dayeinu!***

If our God had from a mountain  
let us glimpse the land of promise,  
only gaze across the Jordan: Dayeinu!

***Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,  
Dadayeinu, dayeinu, Dayeinu, dayeinu!***

***Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,  
Dadayeinu, dayeinu, dayeinu!***



But, our God, who holds the banquet,  
calls the whole world into freedom:  
opens up the new creation: Dayeinu!

***Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,***

***Dadayeinu, dayeinu, Dayeinu, dayeinu!***

***Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,***

***Dadayeinu, dayeinu, dayeinu!***

\* 'Dayeinu' (pronounced Die-yea-noo) is a Hebrew word meaning 'enough.'

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WORDS OF MISSION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE