

OPENING DOORS

HYMN 642 Be thou my vision *Slane*

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Postlude: Toccata *Théodore Dubois*

Participating in worship leadership this morning: Doug McWhirter (coordinating greeter); Elizabeth Blake, Greig Cooke, Christine Gillespie (greeters); Gordon Nodwell (liturgist); Brian Hyodo (reader); Deborah Hart (preacher); Peter Merrick and the Choir. Connie Capes-Leslie is enjoying a weekend off. Don Parsons is preaching at the anniversary service at Central United Church, Sarnia, Ontario this morning.

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Dorothy Lamont by Janet Turnbull

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A Vessel

Some time ago
someone in my life
seemed unloveable,
difficult.

I prayed for her to change
and did not see that happen;
I think she felt my judgment.

One day in prayer
I sensed God saying
that I needed to be the one to change,
to surrender,
to get myself out of the way
and allow the love of the Holy Spirit
to flow through me.

I prayed for that offering,
knowing that God had love overflowing -
and my attitude changed
as I became a vessel of that love, poured
out.
And in the process
she, too, began to respond
in love.

Roberta Porter

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

October 18, 2009 10:30 a.m.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The congregation is invited to join in responses which are **bold**.*

OPENING DOORS

PRELUDE Berceuse *Louis Vierne*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS *(The congregation stands as able.)*

God provides, and we are thankful.

God uplifts, and we are encouraged.

God calls, and we respond.

Come, let us worship God!

HYMN 256 O God beyond all praising *Thaxted*

OPENING PRAYER

**God of mystery and majesty,
we come into your presence today
with all of our emotions and concerns,
our joys and gratitudes,
our prayers and praise.
Accept our thoughts, spoken and unspoken;
our deeds, done publicly or silently;
and our hearts, wounded or whole;
for we come as we are,
into your unconditional love and grace.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER

HYMN 442 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters *Beach Spring*
(The children will go to Church School.)

OPENING MINDS

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Job 38: 1-7, 34-36

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GOSPEL Mark 10: 35-45

MOTET Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *attr. John Hilton*

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin, and incline to virtue; that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

SERMON To Serve or Not to Serve?

HYMN 595 We are pilgrims *Servant Song*

OPENING HEARTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND OUR WORK

ANTHEM Jubilate Deo *Herbert Howells*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. *(The congregation is invited to share the Peace with a neighbour.)*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Daria Simone Carlesso
daughter of John and Jennifer Carlesso

Isabella Dawn Ede
daughter of Kristen Ede

Georgia Wynne Priestman
daughter of Ken Priestman and Elizabeth Mast Priestman

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE

Friends, as a baptized and baptizing church, will you receive these children in Christ's name, as we have been received, promising to support them with constant love, wholesome example, Christian teaching and faithful prayer?

We are willing, God being our helper.

THE CREED

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PARENTAL PROMISES

BAPTISM

RESPONSE

You have put on Christ

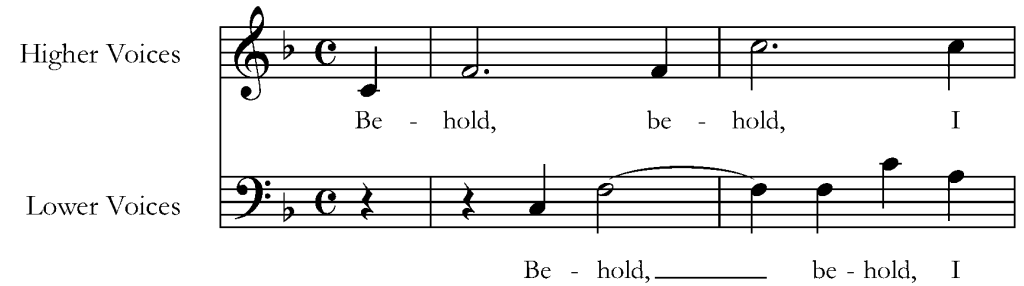


You — have — put on Christ, in Christ you have been bap -



tised. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

RESPONSE Behold, I make all things new



Music: John Bell

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