**Canon Davis Memorial Church**

**Holy Eucharist – Celtic Tradition**

October 9, 2022– 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Rev Ray Jenkins – Celebrant

Assisted by Bill Blunt

Dorothy Miller – Organist

Opening Hymn

**Opening Hymn  # 262**​

***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

***Celtic Wisdom:***

First Reading​Philippians 4: 4-6

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests made known to God

Second Reading​Philippians 4: 7-9

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

​Serve the Lord with gladness

​And come before his presence with a song.

 **Know this:  The Lord himself is God**​**he himself has made us, and we are his;**

​**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

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​Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

​go into his courts with praise;

​give thanks to him and call upon his name.

 ​**For the Lord is good;**

​**his mercy is everlasting;**

​**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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Third Reading:​​John 6: 25-27

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"
Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Fourth Reading​​John 6: 28-29

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?"
Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

Fifth Reading​​John 6: 33-35 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Sermon

Dear Friends,

As you may recall, I wrote my *Thanksgiving Letter* on a very hot day in August.  Today with a broken furnace, we are celebrating Thanksgiving in what is arguably the “Coolest Church” in town!  Because we are in such a cool church, I am shortening my sermon to around 7 minutes and asking that we sing only the first 3 verses of each selected hymn.

For we are very thankful for God’s gift of Canon Davis Memorial Church as a place where our souls are indeed nourished.  For such nourishment helps to keep us going through the “ups and downs” of life in the 21st century on planet earth.  It seems that people today are more and more going to extremes to get their way on issues.  Issues are also becoming more complicated.

And what are we to say about the future?  It depends on who is asked. What is the outlook for coming months, years and decades?  It depends who one believes.

New technologies can seem to come from out of nowhere; as can new applications of traditional technologies.  Social trends can have much influence on economic trends.

Humanity is always full of surprises; but so is the natural world!

So how are we to make  our way through life in such a volatile landscape?  I think today’s readings give us valuable insights.  How so?  Firstly, we are reminded of the unchanging nature of our Creator God.  Secondly, our attention is directed to how, in even an environment of accelerating change, Jesus points out that people are motivated by the same things as they were two thousand years ago.

When troubling times seem to be on the horizon, I see the advice from Paul’s letter to the Philippians is well worth taking.  It helps us to focus in ways that do not increase any thoughts of despair.  Listen again to this sound advice.

*Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

*Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.*

Many years ago I had the privilege of sitting down with a then, recently retired bank president.  Our subject matter was focused on how to best react to changes in the economy and its implications on society.  This was at a time of major down-sizing and restructuring.  There were two major ways of dealing with the situation: fight the changes while dwelling on all of the associated problems, or see what can be made better along with these changes, while minimizing negative impacts.

This banker sided with taking the highroad of looking for all the good that could be also realized.  In the long run —keeping one’s eye on the positive.  His advice was in keeping with the wisdom given to us in Philippians.  Such advice helps to keep us from bogging down in a detailed list of seemingly hopeless problems.

The good news is that we have the wisdom of God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit to give us guidance and insights.  The gift of the wisdom of God is a wonderful thing for us to be thankful on this Thanksgiving Sunday.

Thanks be to God!

Let us pray in the words of Ruth Burgess:

God of the past who has fathered and mothered us

​We are here to thank you.

God of the future who is always ahead of us

​We are here to trust you.

God of the present here in the midst of us

​We are here to praise you.

God of life beyond us within us

​We rejoice in your glorious love.

Amen

Sermon Hymn #398

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

The Peace

Spirit of the Living God, fall a-fresh on me;

Spirit of the Living God, fall a-fresh on me;

Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me

Spirit of the Living God, fall a-fresh on me

Celebrant:

Gentle peace

Flows freely

Encircles fully

Refreshes gently

Comforts warmly

Reassures softly

Forgives easily

Fulfils entirely

God's gentle peace...Amen

We are the people of love.

The peace of the Lord

Be always with you

People:

And Also with you

Offertory Hymn #259

For the Fruit of All Creation

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Let us pray,

All: Source of all life, the heaven and the earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit

Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

source if all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all.

Living God, in whom is heaven.

The hallowing if your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed

by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

Now and forever.

Amen

The BREAKING of the BREAD

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world

People: God here among us,

             light in the midst of us,

             bring us to light and life.

Celebrate: The gifts of God for the

 people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: God of our hope,

      in this eucharist we find the

      source of all your blessings.

      Nourished in these holy

      mysteries may we, with our

      lives, give you continual thanks

      and praise. This we ask in the

      name of Jesus Christ our Lord

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ go with you, wherever he sends you, as he guides you through the wilderness, protects you through the storms, and brings you home rejoicing at the wonders he had shown you. The Lord brings you home rejoicing once again into our doors. Amen

Closing Hymn #258

We Plough the fields and Scatter

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and

                  serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Howard's Blessing

**The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones and friends, from Bill and Donna Taylor.**

Please enter names in the Intercessions Book each week to be read in the service.

**News and Events**

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Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by **11:00 a.m. Tuesday**of each week.  Call: 519-344-9531 or Email: canondavis@gmail.com

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If you would like a home visit with Communion or know of someone who would, please let Rev. Ray know as he and or a Lay Visitor will be available in the coming weeks.

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Please join us for **Coffee Hour**after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.

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**Thank you** to those who donated towards the decorations for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, and to the Chancel Guild for decorating the church.  It looked lovely.  Thank you also to Parish Council and Church Secretary who provided and served the Harvest Thanksgiving Breakfast.

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**Mark your calendars as on Saturday October 29 and November** **29 Sew Day returns to CDM** from **9:00 till 3:00 p.m**.  Cost $20.00, lunch included.  Bring your projects for a show and tell Sew Day.

**Upcoming Events**

**Oct 16** **Christian Music Café at 2:00 p.m. – Tentative**

**Oct 26** **Parish Council Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom**

**Oct 29** **Sew Day in the Parish Hall**

**Nov 29** **Sew Day in the Parish Hall**

**Sunday, October 16, Morning Prayer - Officiant Bill Graham**