

New Castle Presbytery – Service of Worship  
November 14, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, who calls us by our name; God, in whose image we are made.

*Come in from the cold, make your home in our hearts.*

God, who does not pass us by;

God, who hears the cries of the poor.

*Come in from the cold, make your home in our hearts.*

God, who isn't impressed by our savings, properties and pension plans.

*Come in from the cold, make your home in our hearts.*

God, who has given us unique talents and skills and gifts to share;

*Come in from the cold, make your home in our hearts.*

Jesus of no fixed address, come into this house, your home.

Take refuge and shelter with us here –

your feet must be tired, your heart must be heavy.

Sit down with us, Lord. Tell us your stories, open our eyes to you.

*Make your home in our hearts.*

God, who welcomes us home with open arms –

no matter where we've been or what we've done.

*Come in from the cold,*

*Make your home in our hearts. Amen*

MUSIC - "Take Me to the Alley" by Gregory Porter

SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 58:6-7

REFLECTIONS ON HOMELESSNESS AND HUNGER - Julius Jackson

PRAYER

Let us pray for those who hunger in this land:

whose only kitchen is a soup kitchen,

whose only food is what others don't want,

whose diet depends on luck, not on planning.

(Pause)

Lord, feed your people

using our skills and conscience,

and eradicate from our politics and private lives

the apathy to hunger which comes from over-eating.

Let us pray for the hungry and the fed.

*Lord have mercy.*

Let us pray for the hungry in other lands,

where economies, burdened by debt,

cannot respond to human need:  
or where fields are farmed for our benefit  
by low-waged workers courted by starvation.  
(Pause)

Lord, feed your people,  
even if rulers must cancel debt,  
and shareholders lose profit,  
or diners restrict their choice  
in order that all may be nourished.  
Let us pray for the hungry and for the fed.  
*Lord have mercy.*

Let us pray for the hungry for justice,  
who document inequalities,  
demonstrate against tyranny,  
distinguish between need and greed,  
and are sometimes misrepresented or persecuted  
in the process.  
(Pause)

May their labour not be in vain  
and may we be counted in their number  
Let us pray for the hungry and the fed.  
*Lord have mercy.*

So, in the presence of the Bread of Life  
who refused food for himself  
in order to nourish others,  
we deepen our devotion by praying his words:

*Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done on earth  
As in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
And deliver us from evil,  
For the kingdom, the power  
And the glory are yours,  
Now and for ever.  
Amen*

MUSIC - "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" Sung by Sharon Moore

BENEDICTION

*Go into the world  
Watch and pray  
Wait with eager hope  
for the revealing of Jesus Christ.  
Now may the blessing of God,  
who made us, and saved us, and keeps us  
be yours now and always.*

(The liturgy comes from the Iona Community: Wild Goose Publications)

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Neta Pringle, Moderator Elect,  
Ruling Elder Rourke Moore, Vice Moderator Elect  
Ruling Elder Julius Jackson  
Sharon Moore

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