

Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

#### **Sending Forth and Blessing**

Go as a blessed and blessing people,  
pilgrims on a journey.

**We go out to live God's love  
through our hands, our hearts, and our words.**

Go in faith, and may the grace of God attend you,  
the love of Christ enfold you, and the Holy Spirit strengthen you,  
this day and always.

#### **The Peace**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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## **THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

### **Pembina Parish**

### **Zion-Calvin & St. Paul's**



***"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"***

**- John 14:15**

### **Easter 6**

**Sunday May 17th, 2020**

## Welcome and Sharing

### Lighting of the Christ candle and Rainbow candle

#### Call to Worship

In faithful love, God calls our names,  
**inviting us to worship,  
inviting us to be part of this faith community.**  
In generous grace God meets us where we are,  
**offering us strength, peace and hope  
on our continued journey of faith.**  
Come, let us worship God,  
and open our hearts and lives to our loving Creator.

#### Opening Prayer

##### Opening Hymn 28 (MV):

**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.**

*Refrain: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.*

**God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
suffering with us, taking our part,  
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,  
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.**

**Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other,  
till our world changes facing the Cross.**

##### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,  
we confess to you that we have sinned.  
We have not loved you with all of our heart, mind,  
soul and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.  
We have not given ourselves in love and service  
to the world as Christ gave himself for us.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Hear us now, as we bring our silent confession before you...**

## Words of Affirmation

God's love is new every morning,  
fresh as the dew in the early light.  
No matter what we have done,  
God's forgiveness is always there.

**We believe this promise.  
We trust in forgiving grace.  
Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel reading: John 14: 15 – 21

*Jesus gives the promise of the Holy Spirit to his disciples.*  
"This is the Gospel of Christ."  
**"Praise to Christ, our Life."**

#### Faith Reflections

**Hymn 372 (VU): Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.**

#### The Offering

#### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

#### The Lord's Prayer

##### Closing Hymn 333 (VU):

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**