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August 25, 2019

* Please stand for these moments during the service if you are able to.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: With God's Hand in Mine J. Fred Coots

Introit: Lord I Need You (see insert)

*Responsive Call to Worship (from Psalm 34 & 71)

We shall bless the Lord at all times! His praise shall continually be in our mouths!

O magnify the Lord with me, Let us exalt his name together.

God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection.

We lift our voices in praise to God.

Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.

God's love and compassion never fails. Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

Let's worship God together.

Hymn of Praise: God We Praise You For The Morning #436 Blue

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Confession: (In Unison)

O God, your judgment is like a consuming fire; your love and grace, like cool running springs of water. We confess we too often close our ears to your voice, turn away from your truth, and pretend we know what is best. Forgive us when we say one thing but do another. Forgive us when we follow the letter of the law but ignore your

Spirit of love. Let your judgment awaken us and your mercy refresh us. Amen

Welcome and Announcements:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*Children's Hymn: Saviour Like A Shepherd # 485 Blue

Children's Story:

Psalm: 103:1-10 Refrain # 1

The Scriptures:

Reading: Luke 13:10-17 (page 848)

Special Item: Thy Word Bryan and Ashitha Pradeepson

Sermon: Lifted by Grace

Hymn of Response: I Was Sinking Deep In Sin #519 Red

Prayers of God's People, concluded with the Lord's prayer

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Offertory: On Eagle's Wings Michael Joncos

*Offertory Hymn:

We bring the sacrifice of praise, Into the house of the Lord. We bring the sacrifice of praise, Into the house of the Lord. And we offer up to You, The sacrifices of thanksgiving; And we offer up to You, The sacrifices of joy. **Amen**.

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: We Have Heard The Joyful Sound #681 Blue

*Benediction:

*Choral Praise God, Praise God.

Postlude: It's a Great, Great, Morning Stuart Hamblen

Welcome to St. Mark's

Today is the 11th Sunday after Pentecost and we welcome everyone to worship service as we give joyful praise to the God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We extend special welcome to anyone who is worshipping with us for the first time.

If you are new to St. Mark's, we pray that your time with us this morning will be a blessing to you, and we invite you to fill in the blue Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate so that we have a record of your time with us.

Infants, toddlers, and children are welcome as part of our worship in the sanctuary! Following the first part of the service each Sunday, many of our children and youth go with their teachers to Sunday School. Children who are visiting are invited to join in!

<u>Nursery:</u> The Service can be heard from the Nursery downstairs for the convenience of parents with babies and toddlers

Thank You for Helping with Today's Service:

Greeters: Amanda Rachpaul and Pamela Royer
Duty Elder: Sam Alfred

Sound Technicians: Edward Forsyth & Bryan Pradeepson Bulletin: Sheba & Anthony Sampras

If you wish pastoral services please fill out one of the cards in the pew and place it in the offering plate, contact Rev. Germaine Lovelace at 204-297-3950 or 905-677-4514. His email address is: lovemarlon2000@yahoo.com.

Rev. Lovelace is also available here at the church office every Tuesday – Friday 10:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Upcoming Worship & Church Events

- Today is the 11th Sunday after Pentecost-We share in worship as we give joyful praise to God for drawing us together in service, faith and love. All are invited to share in a time of fellowship following this worship service. We are also seeking volunteers to prepare refreshment on Sundays during the summer and also to set up for this time of fellowship.
- <u>Communion:</u> We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday September 1, 2019

- Memorial Service and Dedication of Stained-Glass Windows: On Saturday September 7, 2019, a Memorial Service will be held for Samuel Jhingree at 10:30 am. In Samuel's memory, his family has donated new stained-glass windows for our sanctuary. These stained-glass windows will be dedicated during this memorial service.
- <u>Kirk/Session:</u> The Kirk/Session will reconvene on Monday September 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Music Ministry

The Senior choir will resume practise on Thursday, September 5 at 1:00 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the greeting and welcoming ministry or if you have notices for the bulletin, please talk with the Duty Elder for that Sunday or contact Sam Alfred at 416-258-4435 or sla1302@sympatico.ca. (A Duty Elder's list is on the notice board in the narthex.)

Flowers in the sanctuary today and for the months of August and September will be donated by Abhijit Ghosh

A Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex kindly fill in the Sunday or month you would like to donate flowers for the Sanctuary or Contact Cynthia Gooden at 905-673-7246 or Ivy Jones at 416-878-6620

These Days for the months of **July**, **August and September** are in the Narthex at a cost of \$2.25.

Offering Envelopes: If you need 2019 Offering Envelopes please contact Shirley Sumere @ 905-676-9850 or an Elder.

Especially in our prayers

- "Please be in prayer for members of our church family who are sick, or who are homebound:
- " Hazel Humeniuk
- "Nashwill & Advira Gordon
- " Helen Forsyth
- " Edna Hazel
- " Verna Dockendorff
- " Advira Gordon who is in hospital recovering from pneumonia
- "Sarwar Paul Hussain, Azar Paul's Father who will undergo gallbladder surgery on August 30.

- "Greg Somar & Joseph Seecharran (Susan Ramneres' nephew and 1st Cousin who are both ill)
- " Abhijit Ghosh who will undergo bypass surgery soon.
- "Ivy Jones who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- " Mr. Devaprasad Martin (Father of Charles Martin who is battling cancer)
- " Other members of our church family who are recovering from surgeries.
- " Members of our church family and community who are facing health issues and mobility challenges.
- "Each week we join millions of Christians who pray for one another. Let us hold in our hearts Christians in parts of Asia & the Middle East, Africa and other parts of the world who are being persecuted because of their faith.

Please also hold these concerns in your prayers, today and throughout the week.

- For refugee families and individuals seeking shelter and safety, and for all who are working to provide it: May God magnify their efforts.
- For all discerning the way forward in difficult circumstances, may God's light lead and guide them forward.

Prayer Chain: If you would like the prayer chain to pray for you or for a particular concern please contact Hazel Humeniuk at 905-677-6828 or hazelandwilliamhumeniuk12@gmail.com.

Please contact the church office if you would like to hear more about St Mark's at 905-677-4514 or stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com

Sermon Focus: Luke 13:10-17

Jesus and his disciples were constantly getting into trouble with the religious authorities for not properly observing the Sabbath. The issue comes up four times in the Gospel of St. Luke, and three of these controversies involve healing on the Sabbath. In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching in a synagogue on the Sabbath when he notices a woman who is so crippled that she is completely bent

over. She has been suffering this way for 18 years. The woman does not approach Jesus, nor ask for anything. She doesn't have to. The minute Jesus sees her, he calls her over and says, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment," and he lays hands on her.

What Jesus does for the woman is set her free from the torture and imprisonment of her own body. Jesus gives her a new life, free from pain, free from shame, free from isolation. Jesus restores to the woman her dignity, her sense of self-worth, her place in the community, and her very identity. No longer simply a cripple, she is, as Jesus calls her, a proud daughter of Abraham, heir of God's promise, and participant in God's covenant.

Lord, I Need You Ma

Matt Maher (Introit)

Lord, I come, I confess Bowing here I find my rest Without You I fall apart You're the One that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You Every hour I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are Where You are, Lord, I am free Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You Every hour I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way When I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus....

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way When I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You Every hour I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

You're my one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You