

WORSHIP SERVICE for July 19, 2020 Wheat and Weeds

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Introduction

Call to Worship

Leader: God, you search me and know me.

People: Before I sit, you know when I will rise.

Leader: God, you search me and know me.

People: Before I speak, you know what I will say.

Leader: God, you search me and know me,

People: in my joy and despair, in my breathing in and breathing out.

Leader: God, you search me and know me.

People: Your knowledge is too deep to reach, too vast to comprehend.

Leader: God, you search me and know me.

All: Search me, O God, and know my heart.

~ from Pentecost 2005, a liturgy from the Seekers Church community.

Opening Prayer

Songs Come, now is the time to Worship STJ #9

Come, let us all unite to sing HWB #12

Scripture Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Song *Unless a grain of wheat* STS #56

Pastoral Prayer

Storytelling

Song Love the Lord your God STS #55

Sermon "The Wheat and the Weeds: Being known by God"

Song The work is thine, O Christ HWB #396

Benediction

Song Lyrics for July 19, 2020, MC Canada service

Come, now is the time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess you are God, one day ev'ry knee will bow. Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.

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Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

1. Come, let us all unite to sing, God is love.

Let heav'n and earth their praises bring, God is love.

Let ev'ry soul from sin awake,
let ev'ry heart sweet music make,
and sing with us, for Jesus' sake, for God is love.

Ref: God is love! God is love!

Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.

- 2. O tell to earth's remotest bound, God is love. In Christ there is redemption found, God is love. His blood has washed our sins away, his Spirit turned our night to day, and now we can rejoice to say that God is love.
- 3. How happy is our portion here, God is love. His promises our spirits cheer, God is love. He is our sun and shield by day, our help, our hope, our strength and stay; he will be with us all the way, our God is love.

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Unless a Grain of Wheat

1. Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth, falls to the earth and dies, it remains only a grain of wheat and never the blade shall rise.

Refrain: For the grain of wheat produces much fruit, but only if it dies.
Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth, never the blade shall rise.

2. The one who loves the worldly life loses the life so lived, while the one who hates the life in this world preserves it to life eternal.

3. If anyone would serve me, come and follow me; come and follow me; where I am, there will my servant be.

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Love the Lord your God

Refrain: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul,

with all your mind and strength.

Let all that is within you praise the Lord!

With all your heart and soul

with all your mind and strength, praise the Lord!

1. I will sing to the Lord while I have being.

I will set my mind on things above.

I will pray in the spirit without ceasing.

I will fill my heart with truth and love.

2. Find your strength in walking with the Spirit;

find your heart in Christ's unchanging love:

seek the length and breadth and depth of wisdom;

fill your soul with the fullness of our God.

3. Let the lives we live reflect God's glory;

let the love we share reflect God's grace.

May we walk in truth and understanding;

may we grow in wisdom all our days.

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The Work is Thine, O Christ

The work is thine, O Christ our Lord, the cause for which we stand, and being thine, 'twill overcome its foes on ev'ry hand.
 Yet grains of wheat, before they grow, are buried in the earth below.
 All that is old doth perish there to form a life both new and fair.
 So too are we from self and sin made free.

- 2. Through suff'ring thou, O Christ, didst go unto thy throne above, and leadest now the self-same way those true in faith and love. So lead us, then, though suff'rings wait, to share thy kingdom's heav'nly state. Thy death has broken Satan's might, and leads the faithful to the light, eternal light, from darkness into light.
- 3. Thou hast, O Savior, led the way through agony and death. O give, we pray, yet more and more thy Spirit's living breath! Send messengers o'er land and sea to bring thy children all to thee. Thy name can save, thy name makes free! We consecrate ourselves to thee as servants true, as workers brave and true.

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