



*Church Gives*

**WHITNEY**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**October 11, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Rev. Christina Thompson**

## **Welcome**

Welcome to worship this morning. I am Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor here at Whitney United Methodist Church and I am so glad you are worshipping with us this morning. Today we are starting a new worship series--- Forth in God's Dear Name we go, celebrating what the church is all about. Today we celebrate what it means to give.

## **Lighting the candle**

As we begin our worship this morning, I invite you to light your candle as a reminder of our connection together as the body of Christ.

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

**People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.**

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

**People: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.**

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

**People: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.**

~ posted on *The Presbyterian Church in Canada* website. <http://presbyterian.ca/>

## **Prayer Centering us for Worship**

Gracious God, who supplies us with every blessing in abundance, lift up our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving. Open us to remember the gifts we seldom notice, the bounty we take for granted and the rich possibilities you provide. Forgive us for overlooking all of the gifts you bestow upon us and for the times we take credit for the ways that only you provide. Forgive our ingratitude and during this time of worship draw us back to you who blesses and empowers us. May we feel you dwell with us now as we worship. Amen

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## **Opening Song— 6 Ways to Sunday (Band) The Heart of Worship**

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Matt Redman

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## Verse 1

When the music fades all is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth  
That will bless Your heart

## Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

## Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You, all about You Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You, it's all about You Jesus

## Verse 2

King of endless worth no one could express  
How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours  
Every single breath

## Pre-Chorus

## Chorus

## Chorus

## Children's Moment

*Kimberly Gardner*

## Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

This sermon series is based on the words from the song 'Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service'. This week we will hear verse 1

## Introduction to the sermon in Song

**"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"** 581 v. 1

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Albert Frederick Bayly

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Lord whose love through humble service  
Bore the weight of human need  
Who upon the cross forsaken  
Offered mercy's perfect deed  
We your servants bring the worship  
Not of voice alone but heart  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Every gift that You impart

## Sermon

The Church Gives

*Rev Christina*

We give out of the love that God has freely bestowed upon us.  
Our hymn, 'The Gift of Love' sung by Andy and Svetlana Maddox  
expresses what this gift of love looks like.

## Anthem

*Andy and Svetlana*

**The Gift of Love #408**

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Hal H. Hopson

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## Verse 1

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

## Verse 2

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

### Verse 3

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

## Pastoral Prayer

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**  
Together let us pray for the people of this congregation  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**  
The ministry that God is with and through us in our community.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**  
For those who suffer and those in trouble,  
for those who are ill and those who are dying.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**  
For the concerns of our local community  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**  
For our nation, for our leaders, for injustice  
and for an end to violence and division.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**  
For our world, its peoples and its leaders  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**  
For the church universal, its leaders, its members and its mission.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**  
In communion with all the saints  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**  
We lift to you these are our prayers O Holy God.  
In Jesus name we pray, **Amen**

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## The Lord's Prayer

*Dewey Knowles*

## Offering

What offering can we bring to God? All of our wealth is not enough to express our praise. How shall we share in tasks beyond our ability to accomplish? Yet God chooses us and our gifts to make a difference in the world. God prospers our work and witness, transforming the world, beginning with us. Let us share in the joy of giving.

You can give of your tithes and offerings by sending in a check to the church by mail, or giving electronically through our website.

Let us pray over the offerings that will be collected.

Thank you God, for the gifts that you freely bestow upon us and for your blessing that you provide to us in abundance. We trust you to accomplish good among us through the sharing of these gifts. Thank you for your bounty. **Amen**

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## Closing Hymn

*Andy and Svetlana*

### Take My Life and Let It Be #399

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### Verse 1

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee

## **Verse 2**

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee  
Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose

## **Verse 3**

Take my will and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is Thine own  
It shall be Thy royal throne  
Take my love my Lord I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee

## **Sending Forth**

May we go into the world to continue give generously out of the love of God.

## **Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you,  
**And also with you.**

## **Invitation to Next Week**

I invite you to join us next week as we continue this sermon series, called Forth in Your Dear Name We Go: What the church is called to do. We will look at how the church serves and is engaged with social issues.

After worship, you are invited to our virtual coffee hour on ZOOM. The link to join us is in the email you received with the links to this service. There are also instructions on this screen. We will gather about 10:45.

Rev. Christina will lead a class at 11:15 a.m. immediately following the virtual coffee hour to review the sermon, spiritual practices, other parts of the worship service. It will be on ZOOM. For those of you who do not have access to virtual ZOOM you may call a special phone number, provide a participant number and join on your phone instead of computer.

You are also invited to join us on Facebook **Whitney United Methodist Church Group** to chat about the service. You can join this conversation anytime.

Join in the class on ZOOM led by Stewart Gardner. We meet at 5:00 p.m. every Sunday. Bring your dinner to your computer so we can “eat together” and chat. Class is from 5 pm to 7 pm. Interested to join the class – Contact Stewart or call the church office to get the ZOOM link.

Starting Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm for a 4-week-casual class that will review the book “I’m Still Here” by Austin Channing Brown. There are books at the church for you to pick up. A great topic for all of us to discuss. Feel free to call the church about the books.

Also, remember that there are many ways to connect with us even as we are physically distancing. Our radio program Reach out and Trust broadcasts on KBXL 94.1 FM on Sunday morning at 7:30 am and 11:30 am.

**May God be with us until we meet again**