

**Worship page: May 8th, 2022**

**Guests: Rev. Ferne Reeve**

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MEDITATION MUSIC:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**OPENING HYMN:** #434 *For the beauty*

(Folliott Sandford Pierpoint)

♪ *For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine, to the earth so freely given,  
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

**CHILDREN'S TIME & SONG:** #475 *I am the church*

(Richard Avery)

♪ *Refrain:*

*I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*

*The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple;  
the church is not a resting place; the church is a people. **Refrain***

*We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,  
all colours and all ages, too from all times and places. **Refrain***

*And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying;  
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: **Refrain***

**SCRIPTURE:** Mark 7:24-37 (NRSV)

Reader: Pat McNicol

***This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.***

## PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER & ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS:

### DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS: *Glory to God*

- ♪ *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,  
♪ whose grace has pardoned me  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen*

### MESSAGE: *The Unexplored 'No'*

### CLOSING HYMN: #403 *She comes sailing on the wind*

(Gordon Light)

#### ♪ **Refrain:**

*She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun;  
on a journey just begun, she flies on. And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night, full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.*

*Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.  
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved up on the earth,  
like a mother breathing life into her child.  
Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight  
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.  
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,  
and then down the ages still she flew on. **Refrain***

*To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,  
a whisper softly calling in the dark, the promise of a child of peace whose reign  
would never end, Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart. **Refrain***

## BENEDICTION

### BLESSING SONG: *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)

- ♪ *Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true Know God will guide you in all you do  
Go now in love and show you believe Reach out to others so all the world can see  
God will be there, watching up above Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. AMEN*

## POSTLUDE: