PARISH OF WEST MORAY - KINLOSS - SUNDAY - 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn - MP 38 - As we are gathered Jesus is here.

As we are gathered, Jesus is here, one with each other, Jesus is here; joined by the Spirit, washed in His blood, part of the body, the Church of God. As we are gathered, Jesus is here, one with each other, Jesus is here.

Hymn - MP 200 - Great is They faithfulness

- 1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not, as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

 Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness;
 morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed
 Thy hand hath provided –
 great is Thy faithfulness,
 Lord, unto me!
- 2. Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

 Great is Thy faithfulness;
 great is Thy faithfulness;
 morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed
 Thy hand hath provided –
 great is Thy faithfulness,
 Lord, unto me!
 - 3. Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Reading: Ephesians 3:1 - 13 - 1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4 In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. 7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. 8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, 9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was

kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³ I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

Hymn - MP 381 - Jesus stand among us

- 1. Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives, be our sweet agreement at the meeting of our eyes; O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here, join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.
- 2. So to You we're gathering out of each and every land, Christ the love between us at the joining of our hands; O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here, join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

3. Jesus stands among us
At the breaking of the bread;
Join us as one body
As we worship You, our Head.
O Jesus, we love You,
so we gather here,
join our hearts in unity
and take away our fear.

Prayer

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn - MP 496 - O for a thousand tongues to sing

- O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!
- Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
- 3. He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoners free;His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.
- 4. He speaks, and, listening to His voice, new life the dead receive, the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ: ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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6. My gracious Master, and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad, the honours of Thy name.

Dedication of the Offering

Hymn - MP 201- Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah

 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand: Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

2.Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through: strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside: death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.

Benediction

Hymn - MP 460 - May God's blessing

May God's blessing surround you each day, as you trust Him and walk in His way. May His presence within guard and keep you from sin, go in peace, go in joy, go in love.