

**EDEN UNITED CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Sunday, July 13, 2008  
10:00 a.m.**

**Seasonal Colour: Green**

**WELCOME TO EDEN.** *We extend to you warmest Christian greetings. If you are a visitor, we invite you to sign our guest book before you leave today. If you are a newcomer, and wish to learn more about Eden, please fill in the information card located in the backs of the chairs in the Sanctuary. You may give the card to one of the Ministers or place it on the offering plate. We also invite you to join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship in the narthex area and to visit our welcome table near the front doors.*

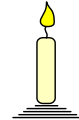
*\* invites us to rise in body or spirit*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING  
OUR LIFE AND WORK**

**QUIET TIME OF PREPARATION/THE LIGHTING  
OF THE CANDLES:**



*The welcome and announcements are followed by silence and then soft music during which time the table candles, symbols of the divine and human nature of Jesus Christ the light of the world, are lit. This act signals that worship is about to begin and you are asked to prepare yourselves in silence.*

Rumi said, " Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I will meet you there." Let us meet in openness and acceptance, immersed in love.

**\* GATHERING IN COMMUNITY:**

Every word of every tongue is Love telling a story to her own ears.

**Every thought in every mind,**

She whispers a secret to her own Self.

**Every vision in every eye,**

She shows her beauty to her own sight.

**Every smile on every face,**

She reveals her own joy for herself to enjoy.

Love courses through everything,

**Love is everything.**

How can you say, there is no love,

**when nothing but Love exists?**

All that you see has appeared because of Love.

**All shines from Love, All pulses with Love,**

**All flows from Love –**

All is Love.

- Fakhruddin Iraqi, 13<sup>th</sup> Century Sufi Poet

**\*OPENING HYMN: One in Love, We Meet Together**

Tune: Hyfrydol



One in love, we meet together, one in time, and never apart.  
 We in flesh as brother, sister makes us one in mind and heart.  
 All incarnate, we would offer, all we most sincerely prize,  
 Learning though traditions differ how they join to make us wise.

One in outlook, always searching not to bind in common creed,  
 As a people, be more ready to respond to other's need.  
 Here we are so finely fashioned, understanding, here to serve,  
 Never narrow in compassion, empathy without reserve.

As in Christ, may we discover that to give is to receive,  
 That in God the good is present, ever, always we perceive,  
 Not by chance the world's creation, not by chance was life begun,  
 God is love and our vocation is to love 'til love has won.

**AN AFFIRMATION – AS I LIVE EVERY DAY**

As I live every day,  
 I want to be a channel for peace  
 May I bring love where there is hatred  
 and healing where there is hurt,  
 Joy where there is sadness  
 and hope where there is fear.  
 I pray that I may always try  
 to understand and comfort other people  
 as well as seeking comfort and understanding from them  
 where ever possible, may I choose to be  
 a light in the darkness,  
 a help in time of need,  
 and a caring, honest friend.  
 And may justice, kindness and peace  
 flow from my heart forever,  
 Amen.

*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE: As a loved and forgiven people, let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Inscription of Hope – Z.R. Stroope  
 Duet: Terry Charlton and Beverley Killen

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN, THE YOUTH AND THE CHILD IN ALL OF US:**

**READINGS:**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

Lay Reader:

**\*GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 5: 38-40, 43-44

(Before the Reading) The Gospel of Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Christ!**

(After the Reading) The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish truth. Through violence you murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate. ... Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

– Quran 17.33

For Muslims, the Quran is the very word of God. The Quran is what was revealed. But we still need our intelligence, our reason and our mind to understand what was said to us. Some of the verses should be understood as immutable. When we speak about the six pillars of Islamic faith, this is not going to change. This is trans-historical. When we speak about practices, there is no change. We pray as the Prophet was praying. We fast the same. And we perform the pilgrimage in the same way. But when it comes to understanding the Quran in social affairs, we need our mind and our intellect to understand the meaning of the verses in order to implement them in a new historical context.

– Tariq Ramadan, *Muslim Scholar*

**SUMMER SERMON SERIES:** Rev. Barry King

**JESUS: THE WAY THAT IS OPEN TO OTHER WAYS**

1) "Jesus and Rumi the Sufi Mystic"

**\*MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Gift of Love – H. Hopson  
Duet: Terry Charlton and Beverley Killen

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Prayer Before The Offering

Music:

**\*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS:**

**God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,  
use them your holy purpose to fulfill;  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew  
that our whole life is offered to your will. (VU539)**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***(The prayer list is found on pages 7 & 8)***THE LORD'S PRAYER (New Zealand Version)**

Eternal spirit,  
 Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
 Source of all that is and that shall be.  
 Father and Mother of us all,  
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
 The hallowing of your name echo  
 through the universe!  
 The way of your justice be followed  
 by peoples of the world!  
 Your heavenly will be done  
 by all created beings!  
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
 sustain our hope and come on earth.  
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
 now and for ever. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: We Would Be One** (please stand as able)

Words: Samuel A. Wright    Tune: Finlandia



We would be one as now we join in singing  
 our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew  
 to that high cause of greater understanding  
 of who we are, and what in us is true.  
 We would be one in living for each other  
 to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow  
 a nobler world than we have known today.  
 We would be one in searching for that meaning  
 which binds our hearts and points us on our way.  
 As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,  
 with love and justice, strive to make us free.

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION** (please stand as able)

Love is reckless; not reason.  
Reason seeks a profit.  
Love comes on strong,  
consuming herself, unabashed.

May the blessings of love be upon you.  
May its peace abide with you.  
May its essence illuminate your heart  
Now and forever more....

– Sufi Blessing of Love & Peace

\* **AMEN: 431 VU Sing Amen!** (please stand as able)

**POSTLUDE**

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**GREETING YOU THIS MORNING**

Tom Raymond, Diana Raymond, Alis Wertli,  
Elinor Mintz, Lota Tupe, Sue Pilli

**SUMMERTIME REFRESHMENTS**

**July 20:** volunteer needed

**July 27:** volunteer needed

Volunteers are needed for the summer. Please see the sign up sheet in the lobby. Thank you for your consideration

**ACTIVITY TIME**

Please see sign up sheet and folder of possible activities.  
We appreciate your willingness to share in the ministry of children.

On behalf of my family, our heartfelt thanks for your expressions of cards, condolences, and prayers for our mother and grandmother, Elizabeth. God bless you.  
.....Fran Murphy

Thank you to Liz Freeman for helping out in the office, while Pamela is away. Pamela will return on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Regular summer office hours will resume at that time

**Note: Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will be on vacation from July 11<sup>th</sup> – Monday, July 28th**