

Central United Church

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Sunday, August 30th 2020
Thirteenth after Pentecost

We gather....

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven" (*Stanzas 1, 2 & 4*)

* Passing of the Peace:

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you

Response: **And also with you**

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

**O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
Then Israel came to Egypt;
Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.
And the Lord made his people very fruitful,
and made them stronger than their foes,
whose hearts he then turned to hate his people,**

to deal craftily with his servants.
He sent his servant Moses,
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Confession:

**Lord Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners,
we confess that too often our words and actions are not
consistent with our beliefs. Often we fail to do the just thing,
we have not always loved kindness, sometimes our pride
causes us to stumble from the path of walking humbly with
You. Forgive us we pray.**

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for
thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever
and ever. Amen.**

We hear....

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Epistle Lesson Romans 12:9-21

* Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-15

Message: **"How to get along in a polarized world"**
Rev. Lorraine Diaz

We respond.....

Hymn: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Pastoral Prayers

* Commissioning and Blessing

Next Week's Bible Readings

We invite you to read the scriptures in preparation
for next Sunday, Fourteenth after Pentecost:

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Take Note

REV. LORRAINE DIAZ

Welcome and thank you to our guest preacher today, The Rev.
Lorraine Diaz.

Rev. Lorraine Diaz is the Minister of Congregational Life &
Development at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church in Toronto and
has been in congregational ministry positions for almost 16 years.
She served UCC congregations in Southern Ontario and Nova
Scotia, and in Des Moines, Iowa served a Spanish-speaking
Lutheran congregation.

Rev. Diaz completed postgraduate studies at Emmanuel College;
her Th.M. thesis focused on theologies of beauty, imagination,
and liturgical art. She lives in Toronto with her husband, Chris
Diaz. In her free time she enjoys taking beginner ballet classes at
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