

Sunday, July 26, 2020

10:30 am

(Hearing Assist devices available at back of Sanctuary - ask an Usher)

**“In the love and compassion of Christ,  
reach and teach people to live for Him.”**

**We warmly welcome you to Murray Street  
Baptist Church this morning. We hope you will  
be blessed as you worship with us.**

Prelude

Anne Smith

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Worship Songs: **Be Not Afraid** Bonnie, Ici, Lynn, Anne

**Faithful One**

**Refiner's Fire**

**This Is Amazing Grace** Elizabeth

Praying the Word Together: *Psalm 119: 48, 41-45, 48*

Kids Church Pastor Michele

Song of Preparation: **Trust and Obey** #571

Scripture Reading & Prayer: *Acts 11:19-26*

Message: *Barnabas: A Hidden Leader, A Man Used by God* Rev. Evelyn Moore

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn: **I Then Shall Live** #604 Benediction

Postlude

If you would like **Intercessory Prayer**, please speak to a Deacon following the service.



**M'Cheyne Bible Reading Plan**

**Monday** John 16      **Tuesday** John 17

**Wednesday** John 18      **Thursday** John 19

**Friday** John 20      **Saturday** John 21

**Sunday** Acts 1

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:**

**Recovering at home:** Audrie Boulet (heart attack)

**Recovering from knee surgery:** Prue Watts

**Happy Birthday** to Marion Hardwicke (today), Lyndsay Pearce (28<sup>th</sup>), Ceilidh Peters (30<sup>th</sup>), Helen Dickeson (31<sup>st</sup>)

**Our sincere sympathy** is expressed to the family of Sheila Durie on the occasion of her passing this past Tuesday. There will be no service.

The psalmist gave us a beautiful description of just how much God loves us and desires to listen to us. He wrote, **“Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me”** (Psalm 31:2). It’s staggering to think about how the word translated as “turn your ear” can also be translated as “bow down your ear.”

Imagine the King of kings, the Lord of all Creation, the One we bow down to bending His ear to us. He doesn’t listen from afar. He bends down, gets close, turns His ear to hear us. He is intimate, compassionate, and faithful to respond according to His will.

So cry out to Him. Don’t stop seeking Him. In faith and persistence, draw near to the God who loves you by listening to you.

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### **Suraj's Prayer for India**

Our God who hears our cries and wipes our tears,

In faith, we continue to depend on you as we pass through depression and anxiety, fear and uncertainty, when India has reached 1 million COVID-19 cases with around 35,000 new cases adding every day. We pray for your voice to stop this storm and save us.

Many faithful ones in the medical field experience fear but are selflessly serving COVID-19 patients. We pray for their protection.

We have seen the plight of many migrant workers who are still unable to return to their places of work. We pray for assurance of safety and work.

We feel the pain of many youth who long to write their entrance and competitive exams towards professional course admissions and jobs. We pray for your grace and for patience and better opportunities for them.

We acknowledge the difficulties of those who have lost

their jobs and businesses, creating vulnerable situations for their families. We pray for new opportunities, jobs and resumption of business.

Our heart is heavy for the poor Mising tribe youth and Telugu-speaking youth who are unable to continue their skills training programs due to COVID-19. We pray for your assurance of better opportunities.

We weep looking at the devastation caused by the floods among our Mising Tribe families in Assam. We pray for safer shelter and food.

We crave for the fellowship missed in church services and church gatherings as many churches are still closed. We pray to understand the significance of worship in spirit and truth. We have missed the affection via touch. We pray to comprehend the significance of praying for one another and understanding the meaning of the body of Christ.

Oh Lord, we also see that you are helping us to understand your creation in a different manner – that in which you have intended - to move from focus on self to others. We pray that you help us to perceive

your grace that exists in mysterious ways, many still unseen but present in our day-to-day lives. Thank you for helping us to appreciate the little things in life that we take for granted. We are grateful and seek the continuous power of the Holy Spirit to mould us and to live a life that is pleasing unto you.

In Christ's name, we pray, amen.



Suraj Komaravalli

**Don't forget**

Worship is live, Sundays on YouTube or Facebook at  
10:30 a.m.

Look for Murray Street Baptist Church.

And last Sunday's Worship is on Cogeco Channel 10 at  
12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

(Repeats next two Sundays)