

Trinity/Church Union Sunday

June 12, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light the Christ Candle,
sign of the light that lives with us and within us.

God's generous light shines out from us!

We light this candle as a sign of the Christ-light we carry within us.

We are God's generous light in the world!

Praise be!

Call to Worship

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit brought together the church.
Ninety-seven years ago, the Holy Spirit brought together The United Church of Canada.

Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, and Union churches.

And later, the Evangelical Brethren.

And, before and after, other congregations of like-minded disciples of Jesus Christ.

So we come together.

God's people.

People of the beloved community of Christ!

People of Cordova Bay United Church.

To sing and to serve.

To live and to love.

To pray and to play.

To seek justice and live into reconciliation.

Alleluia, amen!

Opening Hymn: Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom (MV 10)

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- 1 Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.
- 2 Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.
- 3 Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

Opening Prayer

**On this Trinity/Church Sunday, we come before you, Holy God,
to offer our praise and adoration.**

You are God, the Creator, giving us richly all things to enjoy.

You are Christ, the Saviour of the world,

Word made flesh to set us free.

You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us.

You are holy and blessed.

**One God, Eternal Trinity, be near to us,
the people formed in your image,
and be close to the world your love brings to life.
Guide us on your path of love and mercy.
Help us to be your church in this time and place,
that your love might be known here and now.
We pray this in the strong name of Jesus Christ who teaches us to
pray...**

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) Psalm 8

Christian Scripture (New Testament) Romans 5:1-5

Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

Hymn of the Day: God of the Bible (Fresh as the Morning) More Voices 28

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1 God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain Fresh is the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

2 God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. *Refrain*

3 Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. *Refrain*

4 Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way. *Refrain*

5 Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross. *Refrain*

Reflection: Reimagining the Divine

Invitation to Offering: What Can I Do? (More Voices 191)

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What can I do?
What can I bring?
What can I say?
What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share.
Repeat

Offering Prayer

**O Lord, we rejoice with thankful hearts,
that you have given us this beautiful world
in which to work and play—
a world full of your wisdom and majesty.
We offer praise with deepest gratitude
for blessing us with your bounty.**

**As we return a portion of your blessings to you, use these offerings,
these tokens of our devotion, to increase wisdom in the world,
protect the created order, bless the vulnerable, heal the sick,
and comfort the afflicted. Amen**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Parting Hymn: Take up His Song (More Voices 213)

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- 1 Take up his song of peace
 and go into the world
 Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.
 In ev'ry moment of the journey,
 we're laying down our lives;
 lay them down, in peace,
 lay them down and take up his song.

- 2 Take up his song of hope
 and go into the world
 Take up his song of hope in ev'ry moment.
 In ev'ry moment of the journey,
 we're laying down our lives;
 lay them down, in hope,
 lay them down and take up his song.

- 3 Take up his song of faith
 and go into the world
 Take up his song of faith in ev'ry moment.
 In ev'ry moment of the journey,
 we're laying down our lives;
 lay them down, in faith,
 lay them down and take up his song.

- 4 Take up his song of love
 and go into the world
 Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment.
 In ev'ry moment of the journey,
 we're laying down our lives;
 lay them down, in love,
 lay them down and take up his song.

Benediction

The blessing of God,
who fashioned us to live with joy,
the blessing of Jesus,
whose footsteps lead us into the heart of life,
and the blessing of Spirit's arms
wrapped around us on our journey,
the blessing of the Holy Three
goes with us everywhere,
this day, this night, and always.

Postlude

Worship Leader – Bill Cantelon, Music Leader – James Yi

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Greeters – Jean Hazemi and Orma Paton

Scripture Reading – Lorne Holland, Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat

Technical Support – Sam Boehner and Louise Johnston

Flowers are offered by Glenn Davidson and Sam Boehner in
celebration of the life of Glenn's mother, Elsie Davidson.