

Cordova Bay United Church

6th Sunday After Pentecost

July 20, 2025

Introit **Gather Us In** (More Voices 7)

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Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

Acknowledgement of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music

Water Lifted

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus the Christ, light of the world!

**A candle is burning, a candle so bright;
The Christ is our hope, our joy and our light.**

Morning Prayer

God of all life, we gather as your people,
yearning for your touch and your Grace.
Stir our hearts with your creative Love as we worship you.

We delight in sunrises, and coloured
sunsets, and butterflies and bees, that cause us to smile.

Yet we still turn away from chances to save and protect
all the gifts of creation... serving ourselves and our wants.
Give us enough wisdom to stop and think deeply of our actions
and our in-actions. Open our eyes, ears and hearts, that we
might be good stewards of all your gifts.

Surprise us and awaken us to follow daily in the ways of the
Christ in whose name we pray. Amen

Opening Hymn **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*

A Time to Wonder

Opening to the Word **Spirit, Open My Heart** (More Voices 79)

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Refrain Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

- 1 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
each thought, word, and deed
my living bring you glory. *Refrain*

Scripture Reading Luke 9:10-17

Reflection The Sound of 'All of Us'

Hymn **Praise God for This Holy Ground** (More Voices 42)

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- 1 Praise God for this holy ground,
place and people, sight and sound.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

- 2 Praise God in whose word we find
food for body, soul and mind.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.
- 3 Praise God who through Christ makes known
all are loved and called God's own.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.
- 4 Praise God's Spirit who befriends,
raises, humbles, breaks and mends.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.
- 5 Though praise ends, praise is begun
where God's will is gladly done.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

Invitation to Offering

We bring our gifts of time, money, prayer and hopes,
all given with grateful hearts.
Finding God in all places,
helps us to live with an attitude of gratitude.
Our offerings will now be received.

Choral Response **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 once more)

Offering Prayer

Loving God, gather us in your Grace,
and show us ways to live our lives in truth,
so that we share your Love in all we do. Amen

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Mother
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kin-dom come,
thy will be done on earth as 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 kin-dom and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Parting Hymn **Isaiah 55 (You Shall Go Out With Joy)**

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You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy. (Repeat two more times)

Going Forth

Postlude

Worship Leader – Rev. Hilde J. Seal
Music Leadership – Claire Jung
Greeters – Jocelyn Jones and Bill Walker
Welcoming – Bill Samis
Opening Prayer – Melissa Nagy
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Spirit Kids
Scripture Reader – Arlene Vickery
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Alan Priestley
Technical Support – Sam Boehner and Jiemei Li
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group
Flowers are offered by Barb Waldner

