



***DUNCAN UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY SERVICE
May 16, 2021 10:00AM
Let's get Ecumenical!***



Duncan United Church Warmly Welcomes You



A thoughtful, spiritual, faithful and progressive
faith community of

The United Church of Canada / L'Église Unie Du Canada

Duncan United Church commits to walking the Way with Jesus.

An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada, we strive to embrace diversity and affirm that every part of creation is beloved and worthy. Extending unstinting hospitality to all is an expression of Christ's message of unconditional love.

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have lived among and cared for the relations of this sacred coastal land, wherein we too live, love, and worship. We therefore gratefully acknowledge the people of the Quw'utsun (Warmland), members of Cowichan Tribes on whose unceded territory we stand and uphold their traditions of love, generosity, kindness and respect.

MV 110 "First Born of Mary"

***First born of Mary, provocative preacher
Itinerant teacher, outsider's choice;
Jesus inspires and disarms and confuses
whoever he chooses to hear his voice***

Opening Prayer and Admission

**Holy One, you call us into relationship,
Call upon us to care for and tend to the community
You insist we seek out those marginalized
Reach out to those ostracized
Hold ground for those who might be swept away
How can we offer our best selves to those in need?
How can we help? Amen.**

Assurance: in offering what we seek in God: Love,
assurance, acceptance, grace...We offer God.

Light of Christ

Opening Music: For All the Children
Words and Music by David Lohman

***1. God, we gather as your people
to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of Your love.
Though the day may not yet be here,
we trust it soon will be
when your children will be free.***

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***Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for everyone inside.
For in God there is a welcome,
in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.***

***2. Oh, we sing for all the children,
that one day they be free;
and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason
to doubt that they are blessed.
May they, in your love, find rest. Refrain***

***3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives
cut short by fear and shame,
so afraid of who they are and whom they love.
May the message now be banished
that Your love is for the few;
may their faith in You renew. Refrain***

***4. God, we're working for the future
when children far and wide
can live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature,
may they join us hand in hand,
as against all hate we stand. Refrain***

Learning Together with Sarah

Five Minute Theologian – Michelle Creedy

Musical Bridge

Scripture John 17:6-19 I have given them your word
and the world has hated them

Reflection: Rev. Katherine Brittain

Prayers of the People and Prayer of Jesus

**Our Creator, 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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

Musical offering from Connie

Acknowledging the Offerings

Presentation of Certificate

Hymn – We are a Rainbow

***We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.***

***Refrain: We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.***

*We're a coat of many colours, sewn from many different threads
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade
In the rainbow each of us can find a place. Refrain*

*We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day
We are peace in a world that's torn apart
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart. Refrain*

*When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone
For our God will be with us on the way
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.*

*We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free*

Source: [Musixmatch](#)

Blessing and Amen

..and what does the Lord require of us but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God." - Micah 6:8

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Duncan United Church
Affirming Vision Statement

We are a faith community committed to sharing God's love and grace through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We warmly welcome people of all Nations, ethnicity, colour, sexual orientations, gender identities, age, abilities, marital status, social or economic circumstance to take part in every aspect of church life including worship, study, work, action, and fellowship.

In our process of honouring diversity and challenging injustice with those who bear the weight of discrimination, we commit ourselves to openness, growth, and education. We are dedicated to work and live towards justice and freedom for All Our Relations.

Our Vision of the future is not complete without you.