**June 20 Pride and Courage to be ourselves Leigh’s**

Pre Service Slides

10:30 AM

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**Prelude (Colin Bonneau)**

Pulpit

News and announcements

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**Candles** are lit

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**Call to Worship**

Imaginative and Vibrant God, creator of all things, you made this planet and all its variety. Let us celebrate the diversity of the colours of the world.

**Opening Hymn MV 18 *Lord Prepare me* (five times through)**

### Opening Prayer

With red, yellow, and orange, we praise and give thanks: for the warmth of your love shared between all your children, for the energy of the Holy Spirit that powers us forward in service to you.

**we praise and give thanks for the joy of being accepted by you, just as we are.**

With green, blue, and violet, we worship and honour you: for the softness of your caring and grace, for the stillness of prayer when we draw close to you, and for the peace of knowing you hold us in your loving embrace.

**we praise and give thanks for the joy of being accepted by you, just as we are.**

Imaginative and Vibrant God, creator of each of us, you made us the way we are. Together, we are a diverse blend of all your colours. Help us love and celebrate each other, as part of your beloved creation.

**we praise and give thanks for the joy of being accepted by you, just as we are.**

Amen.

### Prayer of Confession

So, tell me, is this a world “where love can dwell and all can safely live”?

**Hey, I just sang that in the hymn, but you wanted me to pay attention?**

Well, yes! So, I’ll ask if you really help to create a world of equity “where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew.”

**Isn’t that a little personal, a little sensitive, a little unfair?**

Are you saying that your hands do “reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word you’ve known”?

**You’re asking me to embrace “tears and cries and laughter” for others?**

In this world of divisions, have you, do you, would you, will you?

(*a time of silent prayer*)

*Words of Assurance*

When we think we don’t measure up, our loving God speaks to us in love. The risen Christ leads us on while equipping us to lead, feeds us so we may feed, and welcomes us so we may welcome.

The challenging Spirit whispers words of guidance so we may teach and fills us with hidden depths so we may reach into the depths of hearts around us.

**We are prepared in love. We are filled with forgiveness. We are renewed through divine mystery. Thanks be to God.**

Center

**Connecting Time**

**Reading from Scripture:**

**1 Samuel 17:32-49**

David said to Saul, “Let no one’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.” David said, “The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the Lord be with you!”

Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul’s sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.” So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and he will give you into our hand.”

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

**Mark 4:35-41**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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We respond:

In ages past, disciples, prophets, priests and historians wrote down their faith.

**This is a faithful witness of our ancestors.**

Word of God for us today.

**Thanks be to God.**

Pulpit

**Sermon**

**Courageous Languishing and being who we are!**

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**HYMN VU 636 *Be Still My Soul***

**Invitation to Offering**

**Prayer**

Holy One, there are many different gifts, reflecting the wondrous diversity of creation, with all of us being made in your image and likeness.

**We offer ourselves: our love of singing in a group of people; our willingness to be in community and form relationships.**

We offer the joy in our hearts for gifts of safety, sanctuary, and unconditional love, and our desire that all may be affirmed in their place in your creation.

**In the name of Jesus, who lifted up the ones who did not always receive affirmations, encouragement, and a holy anointing, we make this prayer. Amen.**

**DOXOLOGY AGCS #9, 3 times**

Pulpit

**Prayer of the People**

O Gracious One May we be filled with the blessing of the Holy Spirit through your breath of a violent wind each time when open our church doors. As we share your vision that you teach us, to our community through your loving gospel. As Canadians we speak Cree, English, French, Ukranian, Chinese, and many more tongues from here and around the world. May we all speak your language for all the world listen to your glory and your everlasting love as we speak God’s deed of power For you, language has no barriers; As the day turns to night, the sun into evening, may we put a roof over the homeless, feed the hungry, help the less fortunate, give a hug and conversation to someone that is lonely and to put clothes on the ones that are in need. For you, wealth and status are not barriers; When every man, women and child puts their head on their pillow to go to sleep, may they see your greatness through their dreams.

For you, sleeping and waking are not barriers; Dreams that believe that every person and animal on earth lives with gladness, peace and hope. For you, our minds and bodies are not barriers;

As we awaken each day, may the sun break through the mist, clearing our minds and bodies and readying the earth for another wonderful day, a day full of your love and your grace.

We say this in your name.

Amen

**The Lord’s Prayer (**Paraphrase**:** Rev. Yolanda Norton)

Our Mother,

 who is in heaven and within us,

 we call upon your names.

 Your wisdom come.

 Your will be done, in all the spaces in which you dwell.

 Give us each day sustenance and perseverance.

 Remind us of our limits as we give grace to the limits of others.

 Separate us from the temptation of empire, and deliver us into community.

 For you are the dwelling place within us,

 the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us,

 now and forever. Amen.

**Hymn VU # 361 Small Things Count**

**Commissioning**

Go forth and be who you have been created to be by almighty God.

**We go to follow in the footsteps of the Christ,**

under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that lives and breathes in us forever and always.

**Thanks be to God! Amen**

**Blessings song MV** *223 We will Go with God*

Post Service Slides

**Postlude**

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