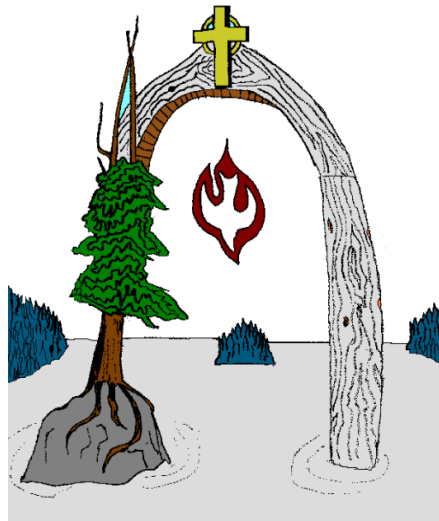


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10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 1, 2021  
Sunday Morning Gathering  
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## Mission Statement

**As followers of Jesus Christ, our church is a community called to love, honour, worship,  
and serve God.**

**We invite others to share our Christian journey as we grow in faith and engage in ministry  
in our town and mission in our world.**

*We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4.4*

**The Community Gathers (life and work of the church)**

**Acknowledgment of Land**

Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen, Alleluia!**

**Hymn: VU 222      Come Let Us Sing**

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.

Words and music: Jim Strathdee

*One:* The Lord is our refuge and strength  
**All: O come let us worship**

**Venite:** Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
**let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with  
thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a  
great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the  
hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is  
our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you  
would hearken to his voice!**

Storytime

## The Proclamation of the Word

Epistle            Ephesians 4: 1-16

*One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John*

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Gospel:            John 6:24-35

*One: The Gospel of Christ*

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### Sermon

#### **The Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **Offertory Hymn: VU 582    There's a Spirit in the Air**

There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world."

Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!

May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay,  
live tomorrow's life today.

There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

Words: Brian Wren, Music: John Wilson.

VU 542 **We give you but your own...**

We give you but your own,  
what e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is yours alone,  
We give it gratefully.

Words: William Walsham How; Music: Johann Balthasar König; adapted William Henry Havergal.

**Prayer over the Gifts:** God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### **Intercessions & Thanksgiving**

God calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgivings, and intercessions to God.

In our Shared Ministry Church Cycles of prayer, we pray for Anna, our bishop, and Parish of Pender & Saturna Islands and the Rev. Ellen Willingham. We also pray for Brechin United (Nanaimo), Brentwood Bay United, Brighthouse United (Richmond), Broad View United, (Victoria) and Campus Ministries. We pray aloud or in silence for individuals and places in our hearts today . . .

(Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer.")  
O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Collect:** Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer** (spoken in our mother tongue)

English:

**Our Father, 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.**

**Hymn: MV 154      Deep In Our Hearts**

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Words: John Oldham; music: Ron Klusmeier

**Blessing:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

**Threefold Amen**

Announcements:

Safety reminders

United Church COVID 19 Global Response Appeal is seeking donations:

visit [united-church.ca/covid-appeal](https://united-church.ca/covid-appeal) to donate

Please remember to bring in canned or dry goods for our community cupboard and blessing box. Especially useful are ramen noodles, Kraft dinner, and canned vegetable or mushroom soups and canned fish. Fresh items are also suitable for the blessing box.

Mission focus this summer is the Hardy Bay Senior Citizens' Society

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