

Golden Ears United Church

An Affirming Christian Community for Faith, Justice and Music

(*)- indicates that the congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit

4th Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

God Calls Us Together

Greeting:

One: We are called to be the church. We come to praise the wonderful things God is doing in the world. We come with our own unique stories and backgrounds, drawn together in God's love.

All: We come to worship God together in community.

Acknowledging the Land

One: We respectfully acknowledge that we live, worship, pray, and play on the unceded traditional territory of the Katzie and Kwantlen First nations. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people. As we open our hearts and minds to the past, we commit ourselves to working in a spirit of truth and reconciliation to make a better future for all.

All: As Christ's people, let us be people of Love, of Truth, and of Reconciliation

Welcome and Life of the Community

**Centering Hymn:
VU 382**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Edwin Hatch 1878
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**Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

Threshold Moment

Lighting the Christ Candle

Centering Hymn VU 382 V4

**Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Opening Prayer

***Hymn MV 98**

“Love Knocks and Waits”

Words: Daniel Charles Damon, 1994
Hope Publishing Company

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**Love knocks and waits for us to hear,
to open and invite;
Love longs to quiet every fear,**

and seeks to set things right.

**Love offers life, in spite of foes
who threaten and condemn;
embracing enemies,
Love goes the second mile with them.**

**Love comes to heal the broken heart,
to ease the troubled mind;
without a word Love bids us start
to ask and seek and find.**

**Love knocks and enters at the sound
of welcome from within;
Love sings and dances all around,
and feels new life begin.**

God Speaks and We Listen

Learning Time

(Lesley)

Bringing the Word into our Midst

MV 156

“Dance With the Spirit”

Words: Jim Strathdee

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Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin’,

**walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-born-in',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

Scripture reading:

Romans 8:26-30

In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will. We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose. We know this because God knew them in advance, and he decided in advance that they would be conformed to the image of his Son. That way his Son would be the first of many brothers and sisters. Those who God decided in advance would be conformed to his Son, he also called. Those whom he called, he also made righteous. Those whom he made righteous, he also glorified.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God!

Reflection on the Word:

“A Season of Refreshing” – Mini Choi

A Time for Silent Reflection

Special Music:

Diane Lines/Sam Ellington

***HYMN MV 85**

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

John L. Bell & Graham Maule, 1995

WGRG, Iona Community,

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**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

Repeat

Celebrating God's Gifts – Offering – we are not currently passing the plates, we do however acknowledge all the ways people can and do give to the ministries of this congregation. And how grateful we are.

***Offering Song MV 27 V3**

“Creator God”

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**When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God.**

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

***HYMN VU 821**

“Make a Joyful Noise”

Words, Music, Linnea Good, 1992

Borealis Music

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**Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!**

**Know that your God has made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song! R**

**Enter these gates, thanks giving.
Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.
Worship your God with a song! R**

**Ages through endless ages,
seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song! R**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Amen**

“As You Go Forth”

Words and music by Diane Lines, Sam Ellington, Tony Chamberlist
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**As you go forth, know you're not alone,
And know that you are perfect in the eyes of God.
As you go forth know that you are blessed
and you can be a blessing in the world**

**There is a light and life in all good things,
and you're the hands of God on the earth.
As you go forth, know that you're surrounded by
The boundless love of God.**

**There is a light and life in all good things,
And you're the hands of God on the earth.**

**As you go forth, know that you're surrounded by,
The boundless love, the endless love,
the perfect love of God.**

Postlude