

Worship Outline
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THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Minute for Mission: Brechin 4 ACTION

Welcome and Announcements

Brechin United is an Affirming Congregation, which is a denominational designation, declaring that this is a place where you are loved, in all of who you are, without discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, cultural background, ability, age, or economic circumstance.

Land Acknowledgement

This land on which we gather is the traditional land of the Snuneymuxw people. They have lived and thrived here for thousands of years. We give thanks for the land and its people and we pray that, in our worship and our daily lives, we may honour the traditions and respect that is held for this land.

Lighting the Christ Candle

As we settle in to this space

we notice the air, the sounds, the light around us.

We notice the air, the sounds, the light within us.

We light this candle, mindful of the presence of Christ in this and all moments.

Gathering Words

We gather today oh God, as many people with many experiences, many stories to tell and images in mind.

We gather like the frost along our windowsills

Water molecules clustered and agitated into something new.

We gather today like the Europeans who mapped land according to their ways

Thinking we knew how we got here, and thinking we knew the way forward.

We gather today like children in the back seat of a car

Asking anyone who will listen, "ARE WE THERE YET?"

We gather today, together forming a sweet, strong little tree rooted into a great nurse stump

Nourished into being by many generations before, rooted and ready to grow together.

Gathered as we are, let us worship.

Opening Prayer

God we thank you for this day; for all that is certainty and all that is mystery. We thank you for the dreams of our ancestors, and for the dreams that are nurtured in us in our time. We look back as we look ahead, and we look ahead as we look back: May our reflection, and our action, tend to justice and peace this day. May we move forward in humility and hope.

Amen.

Hymn: VU 415 "God We Praise You for the Morning"

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- 1 God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.**
- 2 God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.**
- 3 God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.**
- 4 God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.**
- 5 God, we praise you for the Saviour,
come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.**
- 6 Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our days!**

Theme Time: Jumping Ahead to Samuel and Ezekiel

Scripture: 1 Samuel 4:1-11 *Yet another battle is fought and this time, the Ark of the
Covenant is taken*
Ezekiel 37:1-14 *God brings Ezekiel to the valley of dry bones*

Reflection: Hannah's Son Samuel, Covenant-swiping Armies, Canoeing the Mountains, and
Hope revealed in History. In no particular order.

Hymn: VU 642 "Be Thou My Vision"

*(Words: Irish ca. 8th century, trans. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905, vers. Eleanor H. Hull 1912, alt.
Music: Irish traditional melody, Public Domain)*

- 1 **Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.**

- 2 **Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

- 3 **Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.**

- 4 **Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

- 5 **Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

Prayers of the People and The Disciple's Prayer

...All this we pray, echoing the prayer Jesus taught to the disciples,

**Mother of us all,
who dwells within and beyond,
Sacred is your name.
May your holy vision for collective flourishing
come to fruition among us.
May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection be enfolded on earth.
Provide us today with what we need to be nourished in body, soul, and heart.
Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us.
Lead us away from everything that destroys and liberate us from the hands of evil.
For you are the ultimate source of hope.
Your power-with exceeds all power-over.
Your presence incites eternal wonder.
All praise to you, our comfort and strength.
Amen.**

Minute for Mission

Offering

Offering Hymn:

VU 541 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*(Words: Thomas Ken ca 1674
Music: Genevan Psalter 1551
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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known,
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Offertory Prayer

Hymn: VU 595 “We Are Pilgrims” (“The Servant Song”)

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- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.**
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**
- 6 Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

Benediction

Response: VU 649 “Walk with Me” (Refrain only)

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**Refrain: Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

(Interpretation of the Disciple's Prayer: enfleshed.com)