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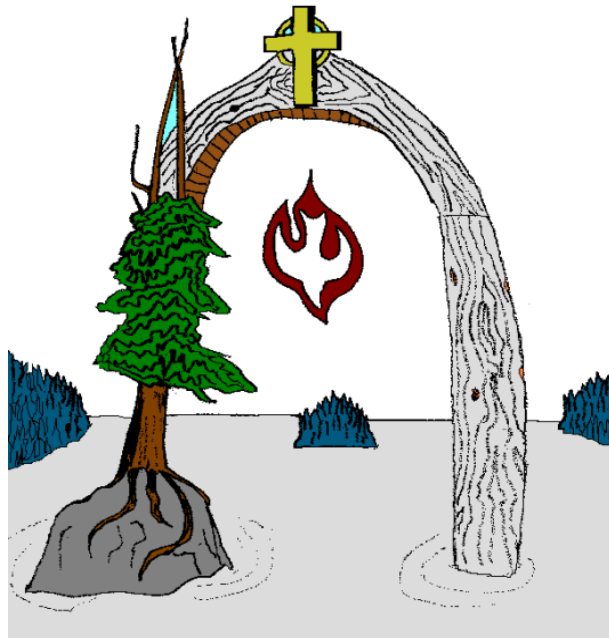
Pentecost 3

Sunday, June 18, 2023

United Church Gathering

Leader: Rev. Sheila Cook

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## Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus the 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 God's world.

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Land Acknowledgement

#### Call To Worship

God calls us together as a community listening to this moment.

**We incline our ears to hear.**

God calls us together as a community listening to what matters.

**We are ready to listen.**

God calls us together as a community listening to what is true.

**We have come to this place together to hear the good news proclaimed.**

Together, we are on a truth-telling journey.

**God calls us together this day, to listen again. Amen.**

\*Hymn: VU 260 God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

*God who gives to life its goodness,  
God creator of all joy,  
God who gives to us our freedom,  
God who blesses tool and toy:  
Teach us now to laugh and praise you,  
deep within your praises sing,  
till the whole creation dances  
for the goodness of its King.*

*God who fills the earth with beauty,  
God who binds each friend to friend,  
God who names us co-creators  
God who wills that chaos end:  
Grant us now creative spirits,  
minds responsive to your mind,  
hearts and wills your rule extending  
all our acts by Love refined.*

Words: Walter Farquharson; Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor

#### Opening Prayer

**Holy One, you incline your ear and listen to every joy and sorrow. Whisper and shout and sing your promise to us again so that, filled to the brim with your good news, we can share in your hope again and again. Amen.**

#### THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Huthilala's! Listen deeply as God's Word is proclaimed!

Hebrew Reading: Genesis 18: 1-15

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116 VU 836

**Refrain: How can I repay you, God, for all the goodness you show to me?**

I love you God, because you heard my voice when I made supplication,

**Because you turned your ear to me, when I called upon your name.**

The cords of death entangle me, and the pangs of the Grave laid hold on me;

**I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called upon the name of God:

**“O God, I pray, save my life.”**

**R: How can I repay you, God, for all the goodness you show to me?**

How can I repay you, God, for all the good things you have done for me?

**I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of God. I will pay my vows in the presence of all God’s people.**

**R: How can I repay you, God, for all the goodness you show to me?**

Precious in the sight of God is the death of the saints.

**O God, I am your servant;**

I am your servant, the child of your maidservant.

**You have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**and will call upon the name of God.**

I will pay my vows to God in the presence of all God’s people.

**in the courts of the house of God, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

**R: How can I repay you, God, for all the goodness you show to me?**

Words and music: Stephen Dean.

Epistle: Romans 5:1-8

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn: VU 658 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

**O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.**

**O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;**

***I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.***

***O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.***

\*Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!  
**Thanks be to God**

Sermon Reflection

\*Affirmation of Faith: **The New Creed**      **VU 918**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Offertory Hymn: **VU 367 Come Down, O Love Divine**

***Come down, O love divine,  
seek now this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardour glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.***

***O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let your glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, my onward path illumining.***

***And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till love creates the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.***

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams.

\*Response: **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.***

Prayer over the Gifts

Minute for Mission/ PWRDF

Prayers of the people

In our Shared Ministry Church Cycles of prayer, in the Anglican Church we pray for Anna our bishop, for Linda our Primate and for Chris the National Indigenous Archbishop. We pray for St. John, Alice.

We pray for our Moderator Carmen, for Treena our Executive Minister, for Gail our Regional Minister and for Rob our LeaderShift Minister. We pray for teachers and students at the end of the year and in preparation for summer break!

Gathered together, listening, ... We listen for the things that feel impossible to change.  
**We listen for you, O God, to show us a hope that does not disappoint.**

Gathered together, listening, ... We look to each other to remember the work we share in proclaiming the good news.  
**We listen for you, O God, to show us a hope that does not disappoint.**

Gathered together, listening... We pray for anyone and everyone who feels like a sheep without a shepherd.  
**We listen for you, O God, to show us a hope that does not disappoint.**

God, make us wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ... Pour your love into our hearts so that we can know your peace. **Gathered together, we pray in your hope.**

Aloud or in the silence of your hearts, bring forth your prayers on this day...  
**Gathered together, we pray in your hope. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Saviour has taught us let us sing: **SFGP 12**

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.***

### The Peace

Good friends, as followers of Jesus, the new creation, God intends is already at work in you.  
Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

\*Hymn: **VU 509 I the Lord of Sea and Sky**

***I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?***

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.***

***I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them;  
they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send?***

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them;  
my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

Words and Music: Daniel L Schutte.

Blessing:

We offer praise to God now and at all times, and we remember Christ Jesus, so that whatever circumstances we find ourselves, we may know what life is truly holy and whole, and by the power of God's Spirit, bring it into all places. **Amen! Gilakas'la! Amen!**

**Three-fold AMEN**

Sending:

Go out into the world rejoicing in the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Coffee following the service!

Focus: National Truth and Reconciliation Day Events

Christine is on holidays until June 26

June 28 Church Council at 6:30 PM

Camp Spirit (July 11 to 14) is looking for specific supplies for crafts they will be doing. Pick up a copy of the list (or see the one posted on our website and Facebook)

Liturgical resources:

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