

Pastoral Care Team Service
February 25, 2024

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

Minister: Tif Bradford-McNaughton

Music Director and Choir Leader: Tim Weger

Service led by Brechin Pastoral Care Team

Greeters: Linda Braid & Marilyn Russell

Newcomers Table: Diane Morris

Reader: Barb O'Neill

Offertory: Marilyn Russell & Marilyn Huffman

Power Point: Mary Boyd

Italics – leader; **Bold** - congregation

Welcome; introduction of PCT

Announcements

As an Affirming Ministry we boldly declare that we fully welcome and include the full participation of all people in the life and work of Ministry as we journey together, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, marital status, mental or physical ability, beliefs, cultural backgrounds, or economic circumstance. We are dedicated to being good stewards of God's world, working and living towards justice and wholeness for all God's people.

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.

Call to Worship:

ONE: *God's Spirit calls to our spirit*

ALL: Inviting us to Worship

ONE: *God's spirit calls to our spirit*

ALL: Inviting us by love

ONE: *God's spirit calls to our spirit*

ALL: Calling us by name

ALL: Calling us to grow in faith

ALL: Calling us to be made new

ONE: *We come to worship in this season of the Spirit*

ALL: Amen

Lighting Christ Candle

God is with us; we are not alone.

God created; God came to dwell among us; God is with us still.

We light this candle as an eternal reminder of Christ's presence in our lives.

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Opening Prayer

A Prayer for Service to Others.

Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ has taught us,

that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him;

*give us the will to be the servant of others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us
but is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.
Amen*

Hymn #12, More Voices – “Come Touch Our Hearts”

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- 1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.**
- 2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you.
Your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.**
- 3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.**
- 4. Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.**
- 5. Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all,
come touch us with your grace.**

Faith Focus

Hymn #171, More Voices – “Christ Has No Body”

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Refrain: Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours.
Here on this earth,
yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.

**1. No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope
of the people of God. R**

**2. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy
of the city of God. R**

**3. No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
to walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace
for the children of God. R**

**4. Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need:
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
with ev'ry gift a benediction, be
to the people of God. R**

Scripture Readings: Matthew 25: 35-40
James 2: 14-18

ONE: *These are ancient descriptions of Spirit's movements for the church today.*

ALL: Let us give thanks!

Reflection

Hymn #575, Voices United – “I’m Going to Live So God Can Use Me”

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**1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

- 3 **I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
- 4 **I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

(Adapted from Prayers of the People from: St. Paul's Anglican Church, Charlottetown, PEI)

Prayers of the People

Let us offer our prayers for the healing love of God among all peoples, saying: hear our prayer.

For the United Church, we pray for Rev. Carmen Lansdowne, our Moderator and for Rev. Tif Bradford-McNaughton, our minister. We pray for Tim Weger, our Music Director and Allison Abuloc, our student minister. May we always be open to the generosity of God's love and pass it on to others who are searching for healing and peace.

God of love

ALL: Hear our prayer.

For our congregation: we pray that you will draw us into a deeper relationship with you and with one another, help us trust in challenging times, free us from fear, and lead us into reconciliation with Indigenous people of this land, and freedom from discrimination for all people.

God of love,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

For the gift of peace: we pray that in all places of conflict, you will help open new pathways to ending violence among nations, within our nation, in our communities and in our homes, so that there will be safety, freedom and justice for everyone. We pray for communities around the world who are threatened by the effects of climate change.

God of love,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

For places of inclusion and wholeness: we pray for everyone who suffers from institutional and systemic prejudice and direct bigotry; that all will be respected and included. We pray for those in our congregation, our wider community and our global community.

God of love,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

For health and wellbeing: we pray for the healing of minds and hearts, that the healing grace of God will restore us and give us new hope. For those who are in need of prayers, we pray for those we know who are in hospital, long term care homes or ill at home, remembering especially ... (moment of silence). May they know your compassion and love.

God of love,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

For those who have died in your peace, remembering especially ... (moment of silence). We pray for those who grieve.

God of love,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

Generous and life-giving God, hear our prayers, and let us be healed and strengthened to serve you, in the power of the Spirit that dwells among us. All this we pray, remembering the prayer which Jesus taught to the disciples:

**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**

Offering:

*As we come to present our offerings at this table we remember God's Generous Hospitality.
Our calling is to feed those dismissed from the world's tables that they may not feel hungry or alone.*

Offering

Hymn #191, More Voices – “What Can I Do”

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**What can I do?
What can I bring?
What can I say?
What can I sing?**

I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share. (2X)

Offertory Prayer

*We are grateful for the contributions of this congregation that enable our Teams and staff to do the work we do.
In Jesus name we pray, amen.*

Benediction/Sending Forth

*To You, our Brechin friends –
May the Light of God surround us,
The love of God enfold us,
The power of God protect us,
The presence of God watch over us.
Wherever we are, God is
Amen*

Hymn #209, More Voices – “Go Make A Difference”

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Refrain: **Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

- 1. We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R**
- 2. We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R**
- 3. So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R**