

**June 29<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> after Pentecost**

**THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN**

**Minister:** Rev. Katherine Brittain

**Guest Minister:** Grace Skomorowski

**Music Director and Choir Leader:** Tim Weger

**Readers:** Bonnie Haapala

**Greeters:** Susan & John Ward

**Power Point:** Jim Boggs

**Audio Visual:** Matt Haapala

**Coffee Servers:** Maureen Smith & Hellen Flathers

*Italics* – leader; **Bold** - congregation

Welcoming:

Land Acknowledgement: *(written by Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, Ontario, adapted with permission)*

*Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.*

*As we came to this land, First Nations people welcomed us, sustained us, and taught us. We did not understand them when they shared their vision. In our zeal to tell them the Good News of Jesus Christ, we were closed to the value of their spirituality.*

*In our journey toward reconciliation, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship on the traditional unceded territories of the Snuneymuxw Indigenous peoples and we acknowledge with respect their history, their spirituality, and their culture.*

*We know that many injustices were done to our First Nations People. That does not negate that fact that we are proud to be Canadians. July first is Canada Day so let us stand and proudly sing our National Anthem.*

VU #524 "O Canada"

*(Words: French, Adolphe B. Routhier 1880; English, Robert Stanley Weir 1908*

*Music: melody Calixa Lavallee ca. 1880, harm. William Smith Dingman ca. 1930*

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**O Canada! Our home and native land!**  
**True patriot love in all of us command.**  
**With glowing hearts we see thee rise,**  
**The True North strong and free!**  
**From far and wide, O Canada,**  
**we stand on guard for thee.**  
**God keep our land glorious and free!**  
**O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**  
**O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

**O Canada! Where pines and maples grow  
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow.  
How dear to us thy broad domain  
From East to Western Sea,  
Though land of hope for all who toil!  
Thou True North, strong and free!  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

Centering Time & Lighting the Christ Candle (*Written by Bill Perry, Belleville, Ont.*)

**One:** *Light should be understood as more than simply a generic light. Light can be opened into the entire spectrum of colours.*

**All:** **Light can overcome fear and shadows and guide us on our way.**

**One:** *Light may reveal a particular vision, an insight, and an inspiration that opens the door to understanding life and relationships in new ways.*

**All:** **This morning, we light this Christ candle, naming Jesus in our lives as life-giving in a full spectrum of dimensions.**

Affirming statement:

**All:** **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.**

Gathering Words: (*Written by Rosemary Godin, Trenton, N.S.*)

**One:** *Welcome to this service in the midst of summer warmth and colour.*

**All:** **We have come, excited to receive God's word in scripture.**

**One:** *We are here to praise our Creator and give our thanks.*

**All:** **We have come to raise our spirits to the heavens in song.**

**One:** *We are here to offer prayers for a better world.*

**All:** **We gather here as one community to worship together and to be reminded to love one another.**

**One:** *We have come as one family of God, eager to be attentive to the ways of holy goodness and loving kindness.*

**All:** **Come, let us worship God.**

Opening Prayer: (*Written by Jennifer Henry, Burlington, Ont.*)

**One:** *Gracious God, you come among us in abundant joy, unsettling truth, deep consolation, and powerful transformation. Yours are winds of change, hastening us toward a kin-dom of inclusion and justice not yet known in this world. Move and mould us. Convert and transform us. Through your many witnesses, show us your way, so that we may be a community that embodies your love, here and now. Amen*

Hymn:

VU #595 "We are Pilgrims"

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- 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.**

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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.**

Invitation: Our gifts will now be received.

Offering Hymn: VU #538 "For the Gift of Creation"

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**For the gift of creation,  
the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Offering Prayer: *(Written by Beth W. Johnston, Nipawin, SK.)*

*Let us pray,*

**In this time of uncertainty, giving God, be to us a comfort and prompt us to be a comfort to others. We ask for your blessing on these gifts and those given by PAR and E-transfer and on the large and small gifts of caring we share with others in the days and weeks ahead. Amen**

Offering Hymn: VU #400 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

Prayers of the people:

Lord's Prayer: *(Paraphrase by Parker Palmer)*

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,  
Holy and blessed is your true name.  
We pray for your reign of peace to come,  
We pray that your good will be done,  
Let heaven and earth become one.  
Give us this day the bread we need,  
Give it to those who have none.  
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,  
From each one to each one  
Lead us to holy innocence  
Beyond the evil of our days –  
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:  
Forever your name is All in One.**

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

Hymn: VU #652 "Be Still, My Soul"

*(Words: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; English translation Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855, alt.*

*Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899, arr. The Hymnal, 1933*

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- 1. Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Trust in your God, your Saviour and your guide,  
who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend  
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.**

2. **Be still, my soul, your God will undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey  
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.**
3. **Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever in God's peace,  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Commissioning and Benediction:

Sung response: MV #214 "May God's Sheltering Wings"

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**May God's sheltering wings,  
their gathering wings protect you.  
May God's nurturing arms,  
their cradling wings sustain you,  
And hold you in their love,  
and hold you in their love.**