

July 6th 2025
Fourth after Pentecost

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

Minister: Rev. Katherine Brittain

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Italics – leader; **Bold** - congregation

Welcoming:

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday to you, Happy Anniversary to you

May God bless and keep you the coming year through.

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.

Centering Time & Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this Christ candle as a symbol of the presence of Jesus Christ with us on our journey of life and discipleship.

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.

Call to Worship *(Richard Bott, Grace UC, Burlington, Ont.)*

One: *Called to this place . . .*
All: as people of God
 One: *Called to this place . . .*
All: as friends in the Spirit
 One: *Called to this place . . .*
All: as followers of the Christ
 One: *Called to this place . . .*
All: to be renewed
to be refreshed
to be re-made
 One: *Called to this place . . .*
All: that we might go to all places
to share the love of God

Opening Prayer: (Written by Cindy Randall, *Gathering Pentecost 1*, 2014 page 44)

Loving God, Creator of us all we come seeking your refreshing presence. Like cool water or a gentle breeze, you renew us and enliven us to be your faithful community. Draw our hearts together as we come here today to worship you. Teach us your will to do, your word to speak, your song to sing, and your love to share. We pray in the strong name of Jesus, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen

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

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Music: Jim Strathdee 1984

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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!**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture: Psalm 133
 Galatians 6: 1-10

Response:

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

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Hymn: VU #401 "Worship the Lord" (verses 1, 2 & 5)

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**Refrain: Lift up your hearts (lift up your hearts)
 praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son
 raising our hands (raising our hands)
 in devotion to God who is one!**

- 1 Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
 and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
 giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
 worship and work must be one! R**
- 2 Praying and training that we be a blessing,
 and by our handiwork daily confessing:
 we are committed to serving humanity,
 worship and work must be one! R**
- 5 Now in response to the life you are giving,
 help us, Creator, to offer our living,
 seeking a just and a healing society,
 worship and work must be one! R**

Invitation to Offering (*David Lander, Grafton, Ont.*)

A beloved song by Leonard Cohen reminds us that there is no perfect offering, that everything has a crack that allows the light to enter. We gather and bring our offerings. Even though our gifts may seem paltry, each one does represent work and struggles and possibilities. We pray that in their imperfection, they may still offer significant hope and light that shines through the world's cracks, and shines through us in our act of sharing. We now give our offerings.

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: *(Jim McKean, Severn, Ont.)*

We lift these gifts of our lives and hearts to the glory that is in you, God. We offer our gifts of talents and time that each of us bring to this community of faith. Receive these gifts, given freely for the greater good of the world. Amen

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 #575 "I'm Gonna 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!**

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.**