

21 September 2025

Season of Creation

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Italics – leader; **Bold** - congregation

Centering and Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

(Keith Mayers, Grace UC, Brampton ON, as written in Gathering Worship Pentecost 2 2025)

One: *Our hearts ponder the beauty of God's majesty!*

All: It's a poem of love for Creation

One: *Our pens are ready to write, our brushes are ready to paint*

All: the wonders of God's work

One: *The firmament displays the sea and sky*

All: proclaiming the majesty of God's presence

One: *A God of awe and wonder is worthy of all praise!*

All: May the Creator God come bless our hearts

One: *that we may show compassion, love and care –*

All: for all good gifts made for God's pleasure and our delight

One: *May we be humble, respectful and grateful*

All: for Creation and for a God who keeps creating. Amen.

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.

Hymn:

VU 222 "Come, Let Us Sing"

*(Words: Jim Strathdee 1976; Music: Jim Strathdee 1976,
piano arr. Jean Strathdee 1976)*

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- 1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.**

2. O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
3. You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.
4. Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.

Scripture: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Luke 16:1-13

Response:

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn:

VU 808 "Psalm 91: On Eagle's Wings"

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Refrain:

**"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand."**

Jim Strathdee: verses - solo

End Refrain:

**And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand.**

Sermon: Tricksters

Rev Katherine Brittain

Anthem:

"Over My Head"

(Words & music: African-American spiritual: French trans. Denise Soulodre,

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Sharing the Peace of Christ

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Offering

Offering Hymn: MV #191 "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)**

Offering Prayer

Hymn: VU 684 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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**Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred,
let me bring your love;
where there is injury,
your healing pow'r,
and where there's doubt,
true faith in you.**

**Chorus:
O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled
as to console,
to be understood
as to understand,
to be loved
as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there's despair in life
let me bring hope;
where there is darkness,
only light,
and where there's sadness,
ever joy.**

Chorus

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,
in giving to all
that we receive,
and in dying
that we're born to eternal life.**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

Hymn: MV #209 "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

Commissioning and Benediction