

Worship Outline
September 28, 2025

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

Guest Minister: Rev. Debbie Marshall

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Greeters: Colleen Weir & Bonnie Haapala

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Italics – leader; **Bold** - congregation

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement and Recognition of Orange Shirt Day

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

(written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies)

ONE: *With friends and strangers,
with family and neighbours, we gather:*

**ALL: Come among us, Healing God,
with that love which never ends.**

ONE: *With faith reaching out to touch,
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:*

**ALL: Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

ONE: *With word and wonder,
with silence and song, we wait:*

**ALL: Come among us, Dryer of Our Tears,
to lift us to our feet to follow you. Amen.**

Hymn: MV #122 "This is the Day"

(Words and music: Bruce Harding, 2003, after Psalm 118:24

French trans. David Fines, 2005

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**This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad!
This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad!
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!
We will rejoice and be glad! Singing hallelu,
singing hallelu, singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!**

Scripture Reading for Today: Psalm 91

One: *Ancient Wisdom, speaking to us today.*

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: In Times of Trouble, Rev. Debbie Marshall

Hymn: MVU#144 "Like a Healing Stream"

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1. Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives
as in a dream unfolding, promising revival and rebirth...
like a healing stream.
2. Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,
yearning for an end to want and need...
like a gentle rain.
3. Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
calling for an end to hate and war...
like a river strong.
4. Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU#808 "On Eagle's Wings" (chorus only, x 3)

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**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.**

(Ending, last time only)
And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand.

Offering:

We are called to be God's light in the darkness, God's voice in the wilderness, God's hope for the homeless. Let us answer that call now as we share our 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

(by Christine Longhurst, adapted)

*Generous God, you have shown us what it means to love. And you call us to follow Your example, to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. Continue to write your law of love on our hearts. Give us an unwavering passion for justice, and a tenacious faith that will not rest until the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief, and the outsider finds a welcome. **Amen.***

We Pass the Peace of Christ

Hymn:

MV#145 "Draw the Circle Wide"

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Refrain: Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song,
no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
Draw the circle wide.

**God the stillpoint of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.**

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**Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.**

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**Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.**

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Announcements

Closing Hymn: 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 arms sustain you,
and hold you in their love,
and hold you in their love.**

Benediction:

And now may the peace of Christ, the love of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of God be with us now and always.