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World Wide Communion Sunday

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Centering and Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: *If you are hungry,*

All: there is room at God's table.

One: *If you are weary,*

All: there is a seat saved for you.

One: *If you dream of belonging,
then we will practice belonging here.
From north, south, east, and west,
God invites us home.*

All: Let us worship our nourishing God.

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:

MV 1 "Let Us Build a House"

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1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children
tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: R
3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: R
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: R
5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: R

Nourishing God,
Open up something new in us.
Open up curiosity or hunger.
Open up attentiveness or compassion.
Open up the parts of our hearts that need your centering Word most.
And then, like yeast in bread,
may your love expand in us.
We are listening. We are hopeful.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:1-10

Response:

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: "There'll Be Sunshine in the Mornin'"

(Tune: WELCOME TABLE – adapted and arranged by Jim Strathdee

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**There'll be sunshine in the morning, (3 X)
Sunshine in the mornin' one of these days!**

**Freedom will come to all our children, (3 X)
Freedom to all God's children one of these days!**

**Justice will flow like a mighty river, (3 X)
Justice like a river one of these days!**

**Love shall live in every heart, (3 X)
Love in every heart one of these days!**

**Peace shall come to every nation, (3 X)
Peace to every nation one of these days!**

**There'll be sunshine in the mornin', (3 X)
Sunshine in the mornin' one of these days.**

Sermon:

Rev Katherine Brittain

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in a nourishing God
who provided manna in the wilderness and water from the rock.
We believe in a with-us God, Jesus of Nazareth,
who set tables for the lonely and ate with the forgotten.
We believe in an expansive God—the wild Holy Spirit—
meeting us in ritual, regardless of where we gather.**

Trusting that good news, we come to the Table.
We pull up extra seats. We learn each other's names.
We bless the food. We tell the story.
We remember Christ's love, and we look for God in all of it.
We believe. Help our unbelief.
Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offering Hymn: MV 182 "Grateful"

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Refrain:

**Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,
O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.**

- 1. You are more than we imagine,
Ancient, Holy, Living God.
Even when we doubt your presence
You are faithful to your Word. R**
- 2. May our lives proclaim your justice,
may your voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service
to the glory of your name. R**

Offering Prayer

Hymn: MV 194 "Bread of Life, Feed My Soul"

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- 1. Bread of life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
with the grace and mercy you impart.**

2. I have heard your voice calling,
"Come, my friend, and share
in the feast that is laid out for you
to show how much I care."
3. Bread of life, help me live
a life as pure and true as Jesus did.
Bread of life, help me see
the boundless love of Christ for you and me.
4. I have heard your voice calling,
"Come, my friend, and share
in the feast that is laid out for you
to show how much I care."
5. Bread of life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
with the grace and mercy you impart.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion

One: *Scripture says that people will come from north and south, east and west
to sit at God's Table in the Kin-dom of God.
I must confess, there are few images more lovely than that.
But until that beautiful, promised day
when all of creation will share a table with Christ,
we will keep gathering at this Table.*

**All: And at this Table, we will tell the story of God's love.
And at this Table, we will break ordinary bread and drink from an ordinary cup.
And at this Table, none will be turned away, for Jesus welcomes all.
At this Table we will dream of a better world, where all are fed.
And at this Table, none will leave hungry.**

One: *So, come! Join us in the feast! Join the world in this feast!
This is Christ's Table. Come break bread with us
and experience the community God formed us to be.*

*Let's pray together...God of the lost and the found,
On this World Communion Sunday,
we admit that we are hungry.*

**All: We are hungry for justice.
We are hungry for beauty.
We are hungry for peace in the corners of the world that ache.
We are hungry for friendship across party lines.
We are hungry for closer relationships and deeper faith.
We are hungry for bread that nourishes our bodies and souls.**

One: *So now, we lift up to you the deepest longings of our hearts, the hunger pangs that weigh heavy on our spirits. Hear now the things that our souls hunger for, in the quiet of our hearts*

Silence

Gracious God, we are hungry, but we are also hopeful.

We are hopeful because at this Table we are reminded of what community can look like.

All: And at this Table we remember what love tastes like.

At this Table we remember what welcome feels like.

At this Table, we are united.

One: *So again, we turn to you with our prayers. But this time, we lift up our prayers of gratitude. Hear, once again the countless things we have to give thanks for:*

Silence

One: *God of manna and mustard seeds...*

...With gratitude for your love and a hunger for community, we weave our voices together joining with all your people of every time and place, with angels and archangels, and the whole company of earth and heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

All: "Holy Lord"

(Lyrics & Music: Steve Bell, Arrangement: Ilchyshyn/Schwartz

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest**

Sharing the Gifts of God with the People of God

Prayer After Communion

One: *Holy God, every time we come to this Table, we look for you.*

**All: We come looking for welcome, looking for reasons to hope.
And just as you promised, you have met us here.**

One: *What a gift! We may never be the same.
So as we prepare to leave this place,*

**All: may we go with the memories of this holy meal clinging to us.
May we remember what it felt like to be welcomed to your Table,
and may we welcome others with that same warmth.
May we remember what it felt like to have a meal where all were fed,
and may we work for a world where none are hungry.
May we remember what it felt like to draw closer to you,
and may we continually seek you out with all that we do.**

One: *Feeding God, week after week we look for you.
Week after week, you meet us here. Thank you.*

All: **May we never be the same. Amen.**

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

*Happy birthday to you, Happy Anniversary to you
May God bless and keep you the coming year through.*

Hymn: VU #424 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

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**1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
 filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
 May the God of justice speed us on our way,
 bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Refrain: Praying, let us work for peace,
 singing, share our joy with all,
 working for a world that's new,
 faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
 freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
 May the God of love keep our commitment clear
 to a world restored, to human life renewed. R**

Commissioning and Benediction