



Date: October 5, 2025
World Communion Sunday &
Creation Time 5
Theme: Remembering Jesus' love

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

Musician: Linda Kneeland

Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie

(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **Sing Along with Rev. Kwon** ~ October 31, 2025, 1:00 pm
- **Fall Supper** ~ October 26 4:00 – 6:30
- **Pies Pre-order** ~ and pick-up pies prior to the fall supper @ \$15 ea. by calling Lynda @ 403-741-9553.
- **Please "fill in the blanks"** ~ if you can help with Coffee, Greeting, Reading, Candle lighting. The sheets are on the clipboard outside the office.
- **Annual Firefighters** ~ Food Drive ~ October 06
- **Private Event** ~ October 08 all day ~ hosted by UCW
- **Fruit for pies** ~ if you have fruit for pie making, could you please keep it in your freezer (if possible) until closer to the date, our freezer is quite full right now.

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

As we gather to receive God's Word and reflect upon it, we remember the faith of our ancestors who built this congregation, the faith of those who gather here today who sustain it, and the faith of siblings in faith around the world who encourage us.

Remembering God's goodness in coming to us in Christ, let us gather now around his table, here to find a welcome, a promise, and a hope.

We remember all those who have eaten at this table over the years: those to whom we are joined in our hearts and those known only to the heart of God.

We celebrate our oneness in Christ with them. So come, this is the table of life.

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Light the Christ Candle

Amid the conflict, doubt, and apathy,
the light of Christ shines out.

The light of Christ comes,
healing, challenging, restoring.

Gathered as a faith community, we are
encouraged and inspired by the light of Jesus Christ.

The renewing spirit of Jesus Christ is with us as we worship.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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***Hymn Come Touch Our Hearts MV#12**

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Opening Prayer

As young and old,
we come at Christ's invitation, O God.

As siblings in Christ,
we come.

From varied contexts and life situations,

we come.

From the corners of the earth,

we come.

We come to the table

at Christ's invitation.

We come to worship

to pay attention to and to live out the Good News.

We come

to worship you, our God!

We come

joining at the table with our siblings in Christ around the world.

Alleluia! Amen!

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you call us to be the church to share with the world the Good News.

We are all your beloved children and your kingdom is at hand.

Yet too often, we fear this call, worrying how it will change our lives.

We are unsure of where your love will guide us, of the people you will call us to serve, of what we may have to give up, of the nature of the path that lies ahead of us.

God, may your grace renew us.

Let us know ourselves as you know us, so that we will be the church you call us to be. Let our fears be gone so that we go out into the world and proclaim that your kingdom is near! Amen.

Words of Assurance

Children of God, receive the Good News! Through grace, God reminds us that God loves us, God cares for us, and God will always have faith in us! And through grace, God delves into our

hearts, notices the good that we ourselves don't notice, and brings it out into the world, where it is shared with others. Through this sharing, we reveal to the world that God is truly with us.

**Together we prepare the way for the kingdom to come!
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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***Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* VU#378**

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Prayer of Illumination

ALL: Loving God, you nourish us with timeless truths. Empower us to pay attention with inquisitiveness. Guide us to draw ever closer to you. Free us to respond with conviction. In the name of the one who feeds us with truth and love, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost-2 2025, 38. Used with Permission.

Scripture Readings: Linda Kneeland

***Lamentations 1:1–6:* The lonely city, like a widow, grieves.**

***Lamentations 3:19–26:* Great is God's faithfulness.**

***Luke 17:5–6:* Faith as a mustard seed; we've done as we ought.**

**Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1)
(being seated)**

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* VU#480

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Call to Give Thanks

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada, Etobicoke, Ont. The United Church Publishing House, 2000, 246.

The Great Thanksgiving

ALL: Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth, we join with all your people to give you thanks and praise. You formed the universe in your wisdom and created all things by your grace. We praise you for all your good gifts: the witness of saints and prophets; the work of faithful women and men; this earth in all its blessing and promise; and this bread, once scattered, now brought together and made one. In the hope that your people may be brought together from the ends of the earth into your reign of justice and compassion, we gather with those of every time and every place to give you praise and glory.

Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada, Etobicoke, Ont. The United Church Publishing House, 2000, 284.

ALL: Song of Creation (Sanctus-Benedictus)

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

Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada, Etobicoke, Ont. The United Church Publishing House, 2000, 285.

Institution Narrative

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to those who sat with him, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada, Etobicoke, Ont. The United Church Publishing House, 2000, 285.

Prayer of Self-Giving

ALL: Remembering your boundless love for us in Jesus Christ, we offer you our praise, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada, Etobicoke, Ont. The United Church Publishing House, 2000, 290.

Memorial Acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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Prayer for Transformation (Epiclesis)

ALL: We pray you, God of Love, send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here, that we, and these gifts, touched by your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to each other, and to all the world.

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Concluding Praise (Doxology)

ALL: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

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The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray together saying:

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Fraction and Pouring

The bread which we break

is our communion in the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless

is our communion in the blood of Christ.

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Distribution

Prayer after Communion

ALL: We don't want your reign in us to be an afterthought, O Christ. Strengthen us by what we have shared this morning, that we may dare to confront our fears, loving one another as you love us, and be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

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Invitation for Offering

Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Offering Prayer

As we gather around this table to share in communion, we are reminded that sharing is an important part of the Christian life.

Bless what we share in this offering, that it may play a part in providing abundant life.

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Prayers of the Gathered Community

***Hymn *Take My Life and Let It Be* VU#506**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

Postlude