

Worship Outline
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Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Welcome and Announcements

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.

Land Acknowledgement

ONE: *We are so very grateful that we can meet here on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw People. May we always be looking for ways to confront past and current injustices, prevent future injustices, and support Snuneymuxw governance and jurisdiction.*

Centering & Stillness:

“Awaken to the mystery of being here and enter the quiet immensity of your own presence...May you find a harmony between your soul and your life.” *(John O'Donohue)*
(invitation to sit in silence)

Lighting the Christ Candle:

ONE: *In the glare of neon times, let our eyes not be worn by surfaces that shine...*

ALL: but reflect instead the light of Christ.

Hymn:

“I Am a Child of God” MV#157

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1. **I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.**
2. **I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.**

3. I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation,
I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.
4. I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.
5. I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

Gathering Words: *(Rex AE Hunt)*

ONE: *Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.*

ALL: **Let there be compassion heard in the words we speak, and love in the songs we sing.**

ONE: *Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.*

ALL: **Let there be joy in our coming together.**

Opening Prayer: *(From the words of Elizabeth M Strong, adapted by Rex AE Hunt)*

ONE: *Spirit of life, present in this hour...*

ALL: **may we always sense our present-ness when we gather in this sacred place.**

ONE: *May all who enter here find comfort and wisdom in this community.*

ALL: **Today we celebrate a dream awakening.**

Today we celebrate with renewed hope in our hearts.

Today we act on an audacity of hopes and dreams for the future.

ONE: *Today we begin the hard work for justice, equity and compassion in all human relations, for today is a day like no other and it is ours to shape with vision and action.*

ALL: **Let us be together and celebrate a dream awakening. Amen.**

Faith Focus: Above the Crowd

Scripture Readings: Luke 19:1-10 *(Jesus and Zacchaeus)*

ONE: *Hear what the Spirit is Saying to the Church*

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Reflection: What is it about Tax Collectors?

Anthem: "Though I May Speak"

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Stewardship Campaign

Offering

Offering Hymn: "Grant Us, God, the Grace" VU# 540

*(Words: anonymous
Music attrib. Christian F. Witt, Psalmodia Sacra 1715, adapt. Henry John Gauntlett 1861)*

**Grant us, God, the Grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

Offertory Prayer: *(Joyce Rupp, adapted)*

ONE: *Abundant provider, what is asked of us? What is required? What are we to give to this world?
We, who have received so much?*

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Jesus (VU#916)

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-make, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

Passing the Peace:

ONE: *The peace of Christ be with you all!*

ALL: **And also with you!**

Communion Hymn: “Bread of Life, Feed My Soul” MV#194

(Words & music: Stephen Spencer, 2005; arr.: Rick Gunn, 2005)

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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 at the Table: *(Namaste Church of the Vineyard, adapted.)*

ONE: *Let us open our hearts to the Presence among us.*

ALL: The Spirit of God is with us today.

ONE: *Sing out in thanks and praise to the Holy One.*

ALL: Hallelujah! Sing God's praise!

Sanctus MV#203

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Music: traditional melody, England and Ireland

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**O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always.**

ONE: *Our Creator God is the power of life, love and being that flows through the universe.*

**ALL: Jesus, the compassionate one, stood up for justice and revealed the good news of our
connectedness with God and with all people.**

ONE: *In Christ, we have the power and the capacity to give people an experience of God...*

ALL: by living fully, loving with our whole heart, and striving to be all we can be.

ONE: *As a people walking together in faith, we are engaged in the search for meaning and the quest to be
connected with the Source and Sustainer of all that exists.*

**ALL: As one body, and in Spirit-filled community, we come together at this table to break bread and
share the cup.**

ONE: *We bring together our lives and our giftedness and we remember the life Jesus gave to us.*

Memorial Acclamation MV#204

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**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

ONE: *On the night before Jesus died, he took bread, blessed and broke it, (bread is broken) and gave it to his friends at table with him saying:*

ALL: **“Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. When you eat of it, remember me.”**

ONE: *That same night he took wine, blessed it and poured it out (wine is poured) and gave it to them saying:*

ALL: **“Drink this all of you. This is the cup of the new covenant. When you drink of it, remember me.”**

ONE: *We give thanks that Jesus so clearly and courageously linked our loving and dying with living on with God.*

ALL: **We rejoice that Jesus lives on in us...that death is not the end, but rather a transformation into new possibilities.**

One: *We celebrate the Spirit of new life active in our lives as it was in the life of Jesus.*

ALL: **May the Spirit of God in Christ bless these elements and all we can become in the blessing of receiving.**

Communion is Served:

The bread of life!

The cup of blessing!

Prayer After Communion:

ONE: *May our hearts be filled with wisdom and spirit so that we may listen to the Spirit, the Voice Within, that guides us in reclaiming and living anew as our sacred selves.*

ALL: **May we discern the power to live life fully, to love extravagantly, and be filled with the grace and passion to act courageously in the way of our faith. Amen.**

Life & Work of Church/Announcements:

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Happy birthday to you, Happy Anniversary to you

May God bless and keep you the coming year through.

Hymn:

“Go, Make A Diff’rence” MV#209

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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.**

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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

Benediction: *(Inspired by the words of John O'Donohue)*

ONE: *May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart of wonder.*

ALL: May we take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek no attention.

ONE: *Respond to the call of your gift and the courage to follow its path.*

ALL: May our outer dignity mirror an inner dignity of soul.

ONE: *Go, and with this blessing live justly, peaceably, and in harmony with God in Christ.*