Brechin United Church

November 9, 2025

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

Guest Leaders: Stewardship Team

Music Director and Choir Leader: Tim Weger

Reader: Charlotte Richardson

Greeters: Barbara Schuemann & Jane Wiebe

<u>Power Point</u>: Jim Boggs <u>Audio Visual</u>: Matt Haapala

Coffee Servers: John & Julie Oh & Linda Braid

Italics – leader; **Bold** - congregation

Welcoming: Salome Carey

Affirming statement: (Unison)

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.

Centering Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: "God of the Sparrow" VU #229

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- God of the sparrow,
 God of the whale,
 God of the swirling stars.
 How does the creature say Awe?
 How does the creature say Praise?
- God of the earthquake,
 God of the storm,
 God of the trumpet blast.
 How does the creature cry Woe?
 How does the creature cry Save?

- God of the rainbow,God of the cross,God of the empty grave.How does the creature say Grace?How does the creature say Thanks?
- God of the hungry,
 God of the sick,
 God of the prodigal.
 How does the creature say Care?
 How does the creature say Life?
- 5. God of the neighbour, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook. How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?
- God of the ages,God near at hand,God of the loving heart.How do your children say Joy?How do your children say Home?

Call to Worship: Bruce Wilson

(United Church of Canada: Prayers for Worship) We gather together in worship and praise.

Praise to you, God!

Praise to you for this morning.

Praise to you, God!

Praise to you for the great commission: to make disciples, to baptize, to teach.

Praise to you, God!

Praise to you for always lighting our way.

Praise to you, God!

Opening Prayer:

(Trisha Elliott, from Singing a Song of Faith-UCPH)

ALL: Jesus, light of the world,
Jesus, sword of truth,
You convict us with Your presence
and convince us to work in Your way.
Guide us, encourage us, and push us
for Your sake and the world. Amen

Scripture: Charlotte Richardson Genesis 12:2-3 Ephesians 6:12-17 Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: VU 409 "Morning Has Broken"

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- Morning has broken like the first morning,
 blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!

 Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Remembrance Day: "We Shall Keep the Faith" By Moina Michael

Message: "An Attitude of Gratitude"

Hymn: MV 171 "Christ Has No Body Now but Yours"

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Refrain: Christ has no body now but yours,

no hands but yours. Here on this earth, yours is the work,

to serve with the joy of compassion.

- No hands but yours to heal the wounded world, no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering, no touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God.
- No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see, to find the lost, to gaze with compassion; no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy of the city of God.
- 3. No feet but yours to journey with the poor, to walk this world with mercy and justice.

 Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God.

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- 4. Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need: as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing, with ev'ry gift a benediction, be to the people of God.

Stewardship Message: Christine Robertson

Invitation to Offering: Salome Carey

Offering Prayer:

Offering Hymn: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" VU #541

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known, Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Prayers of the People: Blaine Wilkins

Lord's Prayer: Sing VU #959 (adapt. from a chant by R. Langdon)

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Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth
as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

Sharing the Peace of Christ: Charlotte Richardson

Announcements: Charlotte Richardson

Hymn: VU 884 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

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You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;

there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands,

the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

(Repeat song 2X)

Closing Prayer: Lee