

November 16, 2025
Twenty-third after Pentecost

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Italics – leader; **Bold** - congregation

Welcoming:

Land Acknowledgement:

In our journey toward reconciliation, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship on the traditional unceded territories of the Snuneymuxw Indigenous peoples and we acknowledge with respect their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this Christ candle as a symbol of the presence of Jesus Christ with us on our faith journey.

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.

Call to Worship

One: *As we gather to receive God's Word and reflect upon it, we remember the faith of our ancestors who built this congregation and the faith of those who gather here today.*

All: And the faith of siblings in faith around the world

One: *Remembering God's goodness*

All: We are here to find a welcome, a promise and a hope.

One: *We celebrate our oneness in faith*

All: as followers of the Christ

Opening Prayer: (Written by Cindy Randall, *Gathering Pentecost 1*, 2014 page 44)

Loving God, Creator of us all we come seeking your refreshing presence. Like cool water or a gentle breeze, you renew us and enliven us to be your faithful community. Draw our hearts together as we come here today to worship you. Teach us your will to do, your word to speak, your song to sing, and your love to share. We pray in the strong name of Jesus, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen

Hymn:

VU #288 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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- 1. Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

- 2. Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.**

Scripture: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Response:

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Anthem:

"God on the Mountain"

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Reflection

Hymn:

VU #374 "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

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- 1 Come and find the quiet centre
 in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
 find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
 clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
 be at peace, and simply be.
- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
 cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
 knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
 lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
 finding scope for faith begun.
- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,
 open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
 celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
 there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
 there is always room to spare!

Invitation to Offering *(Beth W. Johnston, Nipawin, Sask.)*

As we contemplate the journey through the Christian year, we think of our own journey of faith, our call and our response. As part of our response in faith, we will now present our offerings.

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

(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.**

Offering Prayer: *(Beth W. Johnston, Nipawin, Sask.)*

Creator God, these offerings are part of our response to your call. We also respond with other ways of supporting our church and community through visits and phone calls made, notes written, food delivered, and prayers on behalf of others. We ask that you bless these offerings and multiply them by your grace so that the work of this congregation may be accomplished to your glory. Amen

Hymn: VU #400 "Listen to Your Children Praying"

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**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

Prayers of the people:

Lord's Prayer: *(Paraphrase by Parker Palmer)*

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days –
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One.**

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

Hymn: VU #635 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

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- 1. All the way my Saviour leads me, what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell,
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.**
- 2. All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul a thirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!**
- 3. All the way my Saviour leads me, O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way!"**

Commissioning and Benediction:

Knowing that you are loved, go with a full and thankful heart. Have hope and faith for what is ahead. Your God goes with you. And now may the Love of God, the peace of the Holy Spirit and the Light of Christ be with us now and always.

And the people of God say Amen!

Sung response:

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.**