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Lent 1

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Centering and Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: The good news of the gospel is:

**All: manna in the desert,
water turned into wine,
love after loss,
forgiveness after pain.**

One: The good news of the gospel is:

**All: release for the captive,
hope for the hopeless,
mourning turned to dancing,
and strangers turned to friends.**

One: So come on in.

There's no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

All: Let us worship this good-news 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

Prayer of Confession

One: Loving God,
somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful,
we have to be serious.

All: We have to pray on our knees without ceasing.
We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies.
We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door.
But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed
—unruly and untamed.

One: You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant.
And all of a sudden, we wonder:

All: Can we be like that mustard seed?
Can we be faithful and unruly?
Can we be playful and curious?
Can we be messy and still be yours?

One: We know the answer already.

All: The Spirit whispers: of course, of course, of course.
Forgive our doubt.
Pull us closer into your embrace.
With faith like a mustard seed, we pray. Amen.

Sung Response: VU 948 “O God, Hear My Prayer”

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**O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer: when I call answer me.
O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

Assurance of Grace

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 2:1-11, Matthew 13:31-32

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Tell Me Something Good

Rev Katherine Brittain

Hymn: MV 138 “My Love Colours Outside the Lines”

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- 1. My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I’ve never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**

2. **My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**

**We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.**

3. **My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.**

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Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.
It sounds like welcome
and feels like home.
It sounds like laughter
and feels like mercy.
It sounds like love
and feels like a seat at the table,
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.
I have seen it alive in the world.
And even when my heart aches,
even when wars rage,
even when mercy feels out of reach,
I remember the one who
welcomed the children
and led with nonviolence.**

**I remember the one who
cared for the vulnerable
and inspired those around him.
I remember that the good news really is good news,
for I have seen it alive in the world.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Invitation to Offering

Offering Hymn: MV 62 "There is Room for All"

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**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock,
in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all!**

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, 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 the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, 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.**

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

Congregational Meeting

Hymn:

MV 92 "Like a Rock"

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**Like a rock, like a rock,
God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky
God is over our head.**

**Like the sun on the horizon
God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean,
our home is in God evermore.**

Commissioning and Benediction

One: As you leave this place,
when you meet anger, speak with love.
When you meet fear, speak with hope.
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.
But no matter what, speak this good news.

**All: For the good news of the gospel is
love and justice for all.
It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms.**

One: The good news of the gospel is alive in the world,
so go forth speaking.
For if you won't, then who will?

All: Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen