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Sixth Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Centring and Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: TLUS #72 "Oh, Let Us Breathe"

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1. **Oh, let us breathe, breathe and be together,
breathe and be together, together now.
Oh, let us breathe, breathe and be together,
breathe and be together, as if we knew how.**

2. **Oh, let us sing, sing by heart together,
sing by heart together, together now.
Oh, let us sing, sing by heart together,
sing by heart together, as if we knew how.**

3. **Oh, let us arise, arise and shine together,
arise and shine together, together now.
Oh, let us arise, arise and shine together,
arise and shine together, as if we knew how.**

4. **Oh, let us pray, pray for peace together,
pray for peace together, together now.
Oh, let us pray, pray for peace together,
pray for peace together, as if we knew how.**

5. **Oh, let us live, live in love together,
live in love together, together now.
Oh, let us live, live in love together,
live in love together, as if we knew how.**

Call to Worship

One: We gather together in the presence of God,
the Lord of heaven and earth:
the Creator of our world and everything in it;

**All: the One who gave us life and breath,
the One who is never far away from any of us,
the One in whom we live and move and have our being.**

One: Let's worship God together!

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 12 Come, "Touch Our Hearts"

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- 1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.**
- 2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you.
Your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.**
- 3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.**
- 4. Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.**

5. **Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all,
come touch us with your grace.**

Prayer of Confession

Sung Response:

TLUS 109 "All This Pain"

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1. **All this pain.
I wonder if I'll ever find my way;
I wonder if my life could really change at all.**
2. **All this earth.
Could all that is lost ever be found;
could a garden come out from this ground at all?**

Refrain: **You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us.**

3. **All around,
hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos life is being found in you.**

Refrain (repeat)

Bridge: **You make me new,
you are making me new. (Repeat 3 X)**

Refrain (repeat)

Assurance of Grace

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Lessons from Paul

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Hymn:

TLUS 100 "My Lighthouse"

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1. **In my wrestling and in my doubts,
In my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

2. **In the silence, You won't let go.
In the questions, your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

**Refrain: My Lighthouse, my lighthouse shining in the darkness,
I will follow You! Oh, my Lighthouse my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.**

3. **I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

Refrain

**Bridge: Fire before us, you're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storm. (Repeat 3 X)**

Refrain

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 182 "Grateful"

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- Refrain:**
- Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,
O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.**
- 1. You are more than we imagine,
Ancient, Holy, Living God.
Even when we doubt your presence
You are faithful to your Word. R**
- 2. May our lives proclaim your justice,
may our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service
to the glory of your name. R**

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

Hymn: VU 642 "Be Thou My Vision"

*(Words: Irish ca. 8th century, trans. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905, vers. Eleanor H. Hull 1912, alt.
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- 1. Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.**
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**
- 3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.**
- 4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
- 5. Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

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