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Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Centring and Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

(written by Mark Earey, and posted on engageworship.org)

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
In the empty void and crushing darkness, God spoke light into being.

All: Creator God, bring light into our darkness.

One: In the beginning, God took eternity and formed time and space,
seasons, days and years.

All: Creator God, fill and shape the time you have given us.

One: In the beginning, God took land and sea and filled them with life of every kind.

All: Creator God, help us find our place within your diverse creation.

One: In the beginning, God spoke his very image, and the returning echo formed humanity.

All: Creator God, open our eyes to see you reflected in every human face.

One: In the beginning, God created,

All: and it was good.

Sung Response:

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.

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 30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

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1. It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,

Refrain: And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

2. It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore, R

3. **It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song, R**

4. **It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings, R**

Scripture: Genesis 1

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: **VU 268 "Bring Many Names"**

(Words: Brian Wren 1986, alt. 1993

Music: Carlton R. Young 1987

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- 1 **Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and hosanna! Bring many names!**

- 2 **Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and hosanna, strong mother God!**

- 3 **Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and hosanna, warm father God!**

- 4 **Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and hosanna, old, aching God!**

- 5 **Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and hosanna, young, growing God!**

**6 Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and hosanna, great, living God!**

Sermon: In the Beginning

Rev Katherine Brittain

Anthem: "Lord, I Will Lift Mine Eyes"

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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: 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)

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: MV 156 "Dance With the Spirit"

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**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
move with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
sing with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

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