

**July 5, 2026**  
**Sixth after Pentecost**

**THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN**

**Minister:** Rev. Katherine Brittain

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**Guest Minister:** Worship Team

**Leader:** Salome Carey

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**Welcome Table:** Marilyn Russell

Light – leader; **Bold** – leader and congregation

**Opening Hymn:** **MV #88 “Over My Head”**

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**Refrain:**

**Over my head,  
I hear music in the air.  
Over my head,  
I hear music in the air.  
Over my head,  
I hear music in the air,  
There must be a God somewhere.**

**1): Ooh....  
When the storms of life are ragin’ (soloist)  
I hear music in the air,  
Ooh....  
When the storms of life are ragin’ (soloist)  
I hear music in the air,  
Ooh,  
When the storms of life are ragin’ (soloist)  
I hear music in the air,  
There must be a God somewhere.**

- 2): **Ooh....**  
*When the winds of strife are blowin' (soloist)*  
**I hear music in the air,**  
**Ooh....**  
*When the winds of strife are blowin' (soloist)*  
**I hear music in the air,**  
**Ooh,**  
*When the winds of strife are blowin' (soloist)*  
**I hear music in the air,**  
**There must be a God somewhere. R**
- 3): **Ooh...**  
*When the tide of hate is risin' (soloist)*  
**I hear music in the air,**  
**Ooh....**  
*When the tide of hate is risin' (soloist)*  
**I hear music in the air,**  
**Ooh,**  
*When the tide of hate is risin' (soloist)*  
**I hear music in the air,**  
**There must be a God somewhere.**
- 4): **Ooh...**  
*Oh, Jesus is a-callin' (soloist)*  
**I hear music in the air,**  
**Ooh....**  
*Oh, Jesus is a-callin' (soloist)*  
**I hear music in the air,**  
**Ooh,**  
*Oh, Jesus is a-callin' (soloist)*  
**I hear music in the air,**  
**There must be a God somewhere. R**

## **Welcoming:**

**Land Acknowledgement:** *(written by Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, Ontario, adapted with permission)*

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

As we came to this land, First Nations people welcomed us, sustained us, and taught us. We did not understand them when they shared their vision. In our zeal to tell them the Good News of Jesus Christ, we were closed to the value of their spirituality.

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

**Centering Time & Lighting the Christ Candle** *(Written by Christine LeBlanc, Gathering Pentecost 1, 2026)*

We light this candle as a reminder that it takes effort to seek God. It's not always easy – and yet, by seeking the holy in community, we give meaning to the journey we take 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.

**Call to Worship** *(Written by Eric Hebert-Daly, Gathering Pentecost 1, 2026 page 38)*

One: Time calls us to this place.

**All: to find comfort, to find caring, to love one another.**

One: Time is a gift we are given each morning we rise.

**All: It is our responsibility to use it wisely.**

One: It is also our responsibility to use it gently.

**All: To be, rather than always “to do”.**

One: We are human creatures.

**All: and we come to this place to honour our Creator.**

One: Come, sit, listen, and most importantly, BE in this place.

**All: We have come answering God’s call.**

**Opening Prayer:** *(Written by Richard Bott, Gathering Pentecost 1, 2026 page 42)*

Great and wonderful God, through the movement of the Spirit, you experience the cries of our hearts, even when we don’t have words or ways to express what we are feeling.

You feel the vibrations of the shouts of our celebration.

You note our tears of sadness, even when we don’t have words or ways to express what we are feeling.

Bless our cries, our shouts, our tears.

Bless our words and our actions and ease our burdens.

Bless them with your love, through the gift of the Spirit. **Amen**

**Hymn:**

**VU #232 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”**

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**1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**

- 2 All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.
- 3 You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.
- 4 Mortals join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

**Scripture:** Song of Solomon 2: 8 - 13  
Matthew 11: 25 - 30

**Response:**

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

**All:** Thanks be to God

**Faith Focus:**

**Hymn:** VU #510 "We Have This Ministry"

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1. We have this ministry  
and we are not discouraged,  
it is by God's own power  
that we may live and serve.  
Openly we share God's word,  
speaking truth as we believe,  
praying that the shadowed world  
may healing light receive.  
We have this ministry,  
O God, receive our living.

2. O Christ, the tree of life,  
our end and our beginning,  
we grow to fullest flower  
when rooted in your love.  
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,  
called to service by your grace,  
different cultures, different gifts,  
the young and old a place.  
We have this ministry,  
O God, receive our giving.
3. The yoke of Christ is ours,  
the whole world is our parish,  
we daily take the cross,  
the burden and the joy.  
Bearing hurts of those we serve,  
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,  
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,  
we die and rise again.  
We have this ministry,  
O God, receive our loving.

Reflection:

Hymn: **VU #400 "Lord, 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 (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.**

**Invitation to Offering:**

Let us embrace the promise of love through the gifts of our offering.

**Offering Hymn: MV #182 "Grateful" (refrain)**

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**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.**

**Offering Prayer:** *(Written by Erma Nadeau, Gathering Pentecost 1, 2026 page 48)*

**Gracious God, who calls us to generosity, we give many different gifts in many different ways to the mission and ministry of Brechin United Church. We give of our abundance – our money, time, and talents. We give because we are grateful. In this way, we offer our thanks to you. Amen**

**Words of Invitation:**

**Sharing of the peace**

**Communion Hymn: MV # 173 "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"**

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- 1. Put peace into each other's hands  
and like a treasure hold it,  
protect it like a candle flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.**
- 2. Put peace into each other's hands  
with loving expectation;  
be gentle in your words and ways,  
in touch with God's creation.**
- 3. Put peace into each other's hands  
like bread we break for sharing;  
look people warmly in the eye:  
our life is meant for caring.**

- 4a. As at communion, shape your hands  
into a waiting cradle;  
the gift of Christ receive, revere,  
united round the table.
- 5a. Put Christ into each other's hands,  
he is love's deepest measure;  
in love make peace, give peace a chance,  
and share it like a treasure.

**Invitation to Communion:**

**Invitation to Thanksgiving**

|                             |                                           |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| One: God is with us.        | <b>All: We are not alone</b>              |
| One: Christ is present here | <b>All: The Spirit is among us.</b>       |
| One: Let us give thanks     | <b>All: We give joyful thanks to God.</b> |

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:**

**Sanctus: (spoken)**

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues:**

**Memorial Acclamation: (unison)**

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**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Invocation of the Spirit:**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God**

*Distribution of the bread and gluten free bread, and grapes and grape juice.*

**Prayer after Communion: (unison)**

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and been given here, may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, that ours may be lives of faithful action in Christ's name. Amen.

**Communion Hymn: VU #468 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

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**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2 Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. R**

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out,  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere! R**

**Announcements:** Life and Work of the Church

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

**Happy birthday to you, Happy Anniversary to you**

**May God bless and keep you the coming year through**

Commissioning: *(Paraphrase of piece written by George Allan, Gathering Pentecost 1, 2026 page 50)*

Know the deep and abiding love of God as you encounter life every day.

Know the peace and strength of the Holy Spirit in all your daily burdens and enjoyments.

Know that, above all, you are always held and upheld in the loving presence of the Jesus.

Thanks be to God.



Sung response: Hymn:

**VU #958 “Halle, Halle, Halle”**

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**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Repeat 3X**