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Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Centring and Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Sung response: TLUS #108: Still My Soul

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**Still my soul, calm my roaming mind.
Give me peace, may my heart unwind.
Let me stay, your beloved guest.
Take my fear, make my worry rest.
What I hold, let me give to you.
Aid my strength when my storms drive through.
When my thoughts won't let me go,
I'll sing to you: oh, still my soul.**

Call to Worship

Richard Bott, Grace UC, Burlington ON, published in Gathering Pentecost 1, Year A, 2026

One: Taking care...

All: of one another.

One: Taking care...

All: of the world

One: Taking care...

All: of the Word.

One: We are stewards of all God's things
We are stewards of all God's gifts
We are stewards of all God's Creation.

All: So we must take care.

One: In our living, in our sharing
in our acting, in our caring...

All: we worship 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: VU #427 To Show by Touch and Word

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1. To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.
2. Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For ev'ry challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.
3. Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.

Scripture: Genesis 27:1-29

Response:

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: Jacob the Trickster

Rev Katherine Brittain

Hymn: VU #703 In the Bulb There is a Flower

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- 1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

**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 remember that the good news really is good news,
for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Offering Hymn: MV #191 What Can I Do?

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What can I do?
What can I bring?
What can I say?
What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share. (2X)

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

Hymn: VU #964 Go Now in Peace

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**Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

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