

30 August 2026
Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Centring and Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

(Gill Le Fevre, Walton Memorial UC, Oakville, ON, written in Gathering Pentecost 1 2026)

One: While our world is a storm of trouble and grief,
in worship we can find a time of calm and renewal.

**All: We see the courage of God's word
planted deep in our hearts.**

One: Let us slow down in order to receive God's truth for us.

All: We seek the comfort of God's grace, refreshing our souls.

One: Let us reflect and remember God's promise to us.

All: We seek the compassion of God's love nourishing our lives.

One: Let us share with those around us, reminding all
of God's blessings for us, even in the midst of the storms of life.

Reflection One: How do We Welcome?

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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 145 "Draw the Circle Wide"

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**Refrain: Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song,**

no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
Draw the circle wide.

God the stillpoint of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. R

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. R

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. R

Scripture: Luke 12:49-53, Revelation 21:1-6

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection Two: Tough Readings from the Bible

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Hymn: VU 713 "I See a New Heaven"

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Refrain: I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

- 1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. R
- 2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. R

- 3** **There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. R**
- 4** **There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land. R**

Reflection Three: Peace and Conflict

Hymn: VU 684 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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**Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred,
let me bring your love;
where there is injury,
your healing pow'r,
and where there's doubt,
true faith in you.**

**Chorus:
O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled
as to console,
to be understood
as to understand,
to be loved
as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there's despair in life
let me bring hope;
where there is darkness,
only light,
and where there's sadness,
ever joy.**

Chorus

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,
in giving to all
that we receive,
and in dying
that we're born to eternal life.**

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

Reflection Four: Living Faith in the World

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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 in 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.

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