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World Communion Sunday

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Centring Hymn:

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

One: If you are hungry,

All: there is room at God's table.

One: If you are weary,

All: there is a seat saved for you.

One: If you dream of belonging,
then we will practice belonging here.
From north, south, east, and west,
God invites us home.

All: Let us worship our nourishing 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: MV 135 “Called By Earth and Sky”

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Refrain: Called by earth and sky,
 promise of hope held high.
 This is our sacred living trust,
 treasure of life sanctified,
 called by earth and sky.

1. Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again. R
2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace. R
3. Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song. R
4. Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one. R

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Matthew 21:33-46

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Building the Beloved Community

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Hymn: VU 375 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.
- 2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. R
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. R

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

One: Generous God, You gift us with sunlight,
which grows the wheat, and rain, which nourishes the soil.
You gift us with bread, which fills our bellies,
and community which fills our hearts.

All: You gift us with rituals that ground us, and music that opens us.
You gift us with stories that teach us, and laughter that lifts us.

One: So for all these gifts and countless others, we say thank you.
Take this offering and use it for your good.

All: We are grateful. We are full to the brim. Amen.

Affirmation of faith

**We believe in a nourishing God
who provided manna in the wilderness and water from the rock.
We believe in a with-us God, Jesus of Nazareth,
who set tables for the lonely and ate with the forgotten.
We believe in an expansive God—the wild Holy Spirit—
meeting us in ritual, regardless of where we gather.**

**Trusting that good news, we come to the Table.
We pull up extra seats. We learn each other's names.
We bless the food. We tell the story.
We remember Christ's love, and we look for God in all of it.
We believe. Help our unbelief.
Amen.**

Hymn: VU 460 "All Who Hunger"

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**1 All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

**2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

**3 All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion

One: Scripture says that people will come from north and south,
east and west to sit at God's Table in the Kin-dom of God.
I must confess, there are few images more lovely than that.
But until that beautiful, promised day
when all of creation will share a table with Christ,
we will keep gathering at this Table.

All: And at this Table, we will tell the story of God's love.
And at this Table, we will break ordinary bread
and drink from an ordinary cup.
And at this Table, none will be turned away, for Jesus welcomes all.
At this Table we will dream of a better world, where all are fed.
And at this Table, none will leave hungry.

One: So, come! Join us in the feast! Join the world in this feast!
This is Christ's Table. Come break bread with us
and experience the community God formed us to be.

Let's pray together...God of the lost and the found,
On this World Communion Sunday,
we admit that we are hungry.

All: We are hungry for justice.
We are hungry for beauty.
We are hungry for peace in the corners of the world that ache.
We are hungry for friendship across party lines.
We are hungry for closer relationships and deeper faith.
We are hungry for bread that nourishes our bodies and souls.

One: So now, we lift up to you the deepest longings of our hearts,
the hunger pangs that weigh heavy on our spirits. Hear now the things
that our souls hunger for, in the quiet of our hearts

Silence

Gracious God, we are hungry, but we are also hopeful.
We are hopeful because at this Table we are reminded
of what community can look like.

**All: And at this Table we remember what love tastes like.
At this Table we remember what welcome feels like.
At this Table, we are united.**

One: So again, we turn to you with our prayers.
But this time, we lift up our prayers of gratitude.
Hear, once again the countless things we have to give thanks for:

Silence

One: God of manna and mustard seeds...
...With gratitude for your love and a hunger for community,
we weave our voices together joining with
all your people of every time and place, with angels and archangels,
and the whole company of earth
and heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

All: TLUS 16

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**All: Holy, holy, holy; sing holy!
Source of all wonder,
by you we are blessed!
Heaven and earth
are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! (sung 2X)**

**Blessed is the One
who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Sharing the Gifts of God with the People of God

Prayer after Communion

One: Holy God, every time we come to this Table, we look for you.

**All: We come looking for welcome, looking for reasons to hope.
And just as you promised, you have met us here.**

One: What a gift! We may never be the same.
So as we prepare to leave this place,

**All: may we go with the memories of this holy meal clinging to us.
May we remember what it felt like to be welcomed to your Table,
and may we welcome others with that same warmth.
May we remember what it felt like to have a meal where all were fed,
and may we work for a world where none are hungry.
May we remember what it felt like to draw closer to you,
and may we continually seek you out with all that we do.**

One: Feeding God, week after week we look for you.
Week after week, you meet us here. Thank you.

All: May we never be the same. Amen.

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:
Happy birthday to you, Happy Anniversary to you
May God bless and keep you the coming year through.

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.

Commissioning and Benediction

One: Beloved Community, as you leave this place,
may you leave hungry— hungry for justice.

**All: May we leave hopeful— hopeful for the day
when we will return to God's Table.**

One: And may you leave knowing, deep in your bones,
that nothing can separate you from the love of God.
For no matter where you go— north, south, east or west—
the God of creation will have a seat saved for you. Go, and love likewise. Amen.