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Thanksgiving Sunday

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Centring and Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Centring Hymn: TLUS 108 "Still My Soul"

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Music: Charlene Nafziger

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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: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

All: We have gathered together to celebrate and sing.

One: Let the waters roar, and the forests resound with song.

All: Let the wind whisper, and the creatures sigh.

One: Let the thunder roll, and the wolves howl.

All: Let the crickets chime, and the soft rain fall on the leaves.

One: Let everything that breathes praise God!

All: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

One: Let us 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 227 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

(Words: Fred Pratt-Green 1970; Music: Welsh folk melody ca. 1784

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- 1** **For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**
- 2** **In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**
- 3** **For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Matthew 22:1-14

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn:

MV 185 "Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving"

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**Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
God, you've been so good to me.
Ev'ry day you're blessing me.
Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
I will glorify you, O my God, today! (repeat verse)**

**You keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
You opened the door that I might see, you're blessing me.
And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
I will glorify you, O my God today!**

Sermon: Thanksgiving

Rev Katherine Brittain

Anthem:

"Thank You Lord"

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Affirmation of faith

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

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,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen**

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

Hymn: "There'll Be Sunshine in the Morning"

(Tune: WELCOME TABLE – adapted and arranged by Jim Strathdee

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**There'll be sunshine in the morning, (3X)
Sunshine in the mornin' one of these days!**

**Freedom will come to all our children, (3X)
Freedom to all God's children one of these days!**

Justice will flow like a mighty river, (3X)
Justice like a river one of these days!

Love shall live in every heart, (3X)
Love in every heart one of these days!

Peace shall come to every nation, (3X)
Peace to every nation one of these days!

There'll be sunshine in the mornin', (3X)
Sunshine in the mornin' one of these days.

Commissioning and Benediction