

October 25, 2026
Twenty-Second after Pentecost

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Welcome Table: Diane Morris

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

Opening Hymn: **VU #395 “Come In, Come In and Sit Down”**

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Refrain: **Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

- 1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.**
- 2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. R**
- 3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family.**
- 4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. R**

Welcoming: “A Blessing” by Joyce Rupp

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 as neighbours.

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: We sing “Come in, come in and sit down,” in the hope that you will bless our efforts to welcome neighbours to the table.

All: to create spaces where all feel valued and loved.

One: Draw us into community, O God.

All: Wrap us in your spirit of shared love and welcome.

One: Fill us with gratitude for connection, for each gesture of kindness that meets a need, and for the joy of gathering and worshipping together.

All: May our abundance flow freely, and our tables remain open to all

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

All: We have come answering God's call.

Opening Prayer: *(Written by Jean Leckie, Gathering Pentecost 2, 2026 page 44)*

One: Open our hearts, O God

All: that we recognize your presence in the voices around us

One: May the laughter of children

All: call us into your joy

One: May the stories of elders

All: teach us your wisdom

One: May the cries of all who are impacted by violence and disaster and the despair of all who are hungry and impoverished

All: stir us to work for your justice

One: May the moans of all who are sick and suffering

All: move us to acts of mercy.

One: May our own suffering, fear and distress
All: provoke us to recognize the needs of others
One: Open our hearts, O God, to you
All: Amen

Hymn: MV #88 "Over My Head"

*(Words & music: African-American spiritual: French trans. Denise Soulodre,
2006 Arrangement: Stephen Lee, 2006, French translation © 2006 Denise Soulodre. UBP.
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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

Scripture:

Psalm 90: 1 – 6, 13 - 17
Matthew 22: 34- 46

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn:

MV #78 "God Weeps"

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1. God weeps at love withheld, at strength misused,
at children's innocence abused,
and till we change the way we love, God weeps.
2. God bleeds at anger's fist, at trust betrayed,
at women battered and afraid,
and till we change the way we win, God bleeds.
3. God cries at hungry mouths, at running sores,
at creatures dying without cause,
and till we change the way we care, God cries.
4. God waits for stones to melt, for peace to seed,
for hearts to hold each other's need,
and till we understand the Christ, God waits.

Reflection:

Hymn:

MV #97 “Listen, God is Calling”

*(Words & music: traditional song, Tanzania, trans. Howard S. Olson
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**Listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.
Repeat**

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 of God and of neighbour through the gifts of our offering.

Offering Hymn:

MV #26 “Your Love is Amazing”

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**Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging,
your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet,
Your love is a myst’ry, how you gently lift me.
When I am surrounded your love carries me.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, your love makes me sing.**

**Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising,
all the joy that’s growing deep inside of me.
Ev’ry time I see you all your goodness shines through,
I can feel this God song rising up in me.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, your love makes me sing.**

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging,
your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet,
Your love is a myst'ry, how you gently lift me.
When I am surrounded your love carries me.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, your love makes me sing.

Offering Prayer:

Gracious God, we give many different gifts in many different ways to the ministry of Brechin United Church.
We give of our abundance – our money, time, and talents. We are grateful that we are never alone; your love is always with us. In our giving, we offer our thanks to you. Amen

Sharing of the peace

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

Commissioning:

Sung response: Hymn: VU #595 “We are Pilgrims”

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- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.**

- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, let me be your servant,
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant too.