



Sunday, October 6, 2024

Communion Sunday

Guest Preacher: Pat MacDonald

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Reader: Bob Mackinnon

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Gabriela and Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox

WELCOME AND CALL TO THE GATHERED

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN MEDLEY: VU #401 "Worship the Lord"

Refrain: Worship the Lord, worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands in devotion to God who is one!

1. Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing, and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness, worship and work must be one!

Refrain:

2. Praying and training that we be a blessing, and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity, worship and work must be one!

Refrain:

3. Called to be partners with God in creation, honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice, worship and work must be one!

Refrain:

4. Bringing the bread and the wine to the table, asking that we may be led and enabled,
truly united to build new communities, worship and work must be one!

Refrain:

5. Now in response to the life you are giving, help us, O Father, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society, worship and work must be one!

VU#466 "Eat This Bread"

Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Bob Mackinnon

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: As we light this Christ candle may it remind us that
God is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: MV#21 "Open Our Hearts"

Open our hearts. Open our minds. Open our lives to you O loving God. Open our hearts.

THEME CONVERSATION:

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

COMMUNION HYMN: VU #469 "We Gather Here"

1. We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

2. He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
We are now a family of which Christ is the head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.
3. We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Taste His Goodness" sung by St Paul's choir

**SUNG RESPONSE: MV#136 "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace"
(verses 1 and 5)**

1. When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty of a loved one's face,
we thank you, God, that love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.
5. Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be your able, strong community.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER read by Bob Mackinnon

CLOSING HYMN: MV#79 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving, Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Refrain:

2. Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

Refrain:

3. May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

Refrain:

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: VU#974 "Amen"