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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 24th, 2020 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Unity is a powerful virtue and it brings great strength. Unity is inclusiveness. It brings people together. We see our commonality without devaluing our differences. We experience our connectedness with all people and all life. Unity frees us from the divisiveness of prejudice and heals our fears. We refuse to engage in conflict, seeking peace in all circumstances. Unity comes when we value every person, in our family or in our world. The joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honour of one is the honour of all. (Virtues Project)

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "We Gather Together" / "Be Thou My Vision"
arr. P. Keveren



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to quiet our thoughts as we prepare our hearts for worship...

We gather together this morning in our own homes to worship and to praise God. Although we are separate, it feels like we are united as one. As we gather we bring our individual experiences, abilities, talents, ideas and ways of doing things. Yet we are one in Christ as we seek to be one with God and all creation. Let us join our hearts, minds and spirits, knowing we are God's people of hope, peace, joy and love. Let us rejoice and worship with Word, prayer and song.

Opening Prayer (together)

Holy God, as we gather today we remember Jesus' prayer for us. Three times He asked that "we may be one" as Jesus and You, O God, are one. Help us to be aware of our interconnectedness and lead us to a place of oneness with You and all creation. May Your Spirit unite us in a common bond of love. Amen.

Hymn (312) "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"
vs. 1&4

- 1 Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
God whose grace shall never cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.

- 4 Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
This the world shall see reflected:
God is One and One in Three.

Prayer for Grace (unison)

God of Oneness, You have provided us with the teachings and lessons to be Your people who seek love and care for one another. Yet there are times when we focus more on our individual desires and needs and ignore the greater needs of our community and world. Help us to be a people

who seek harmony and interconnectedness within ourselves and ultimately with our world. Lift us beyond ourselves so we may be at one with You and Your Spirit of Love. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

The Good News of the gospel is this: Our God always comes to us to unite us as the people of God. May God continue to encourage and uplift us in our journey for oneness with each other and all creation. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Gospel Lesson John 17:1-11, 20-23

L. Clubine-Ito

(Jesus prays that His disciples "all may be one.")



Solo "Come, Let us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "We Are One"

Rev. Cooper

Hymn (602) "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" vs.1, 2

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

Responding to God

Minute for Mission L. Clubine-Ito

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (together)

**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.**

Hymn (402) "We Are One" vs.1&2

- 1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips

there's a sense that God is near.
 We are one as we sing,
 as we seek, we are found;
 and we come needful of God's grace
 as we meet, together in this place.

- 2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

Commissioning and Benediction

God is your shade at your right hand;
 The sun will not harm you by day,
 nor the moon by night.
 God will watch over your life;
 God will watch over your coming and going
 both now and forevermore.
 (Psalm 121:5-8)
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
 (Irish Blessing)

Postlude "The Lord's Prayer" Albert H. Malotte
 Transcribed by Carl Deis

Thank you for listening to the Conference Call
 Worship Service today. We hope you felt the power
 of God's Spirit through the words, prayers and music.

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May the blessings of our faith fill you with hope, love and joy today and always.

Many thanks to B. Kai and the zoom team for coordinating our audio call, to L. Clubine-Ito for reading the scripture and Minute for Mission, and to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Next Sunday is Pentecost. It is the day when the Holy Spirit comes to the disciples, touching each one with wind and fire. It is the birthday of the Christian Church. To celebrate Pentecost you are invited to wear red. You may even like to take a picture of yourself wearing red while listening to the service and send it to office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca.

God bless you, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, and same phone number.

Have a Blessed Day!



**Three little ones, born March 22, 2020
in Rev. Cooper's closet.**