

Bayview United Church

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Worship Service

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Minister: Rev. C. Cooper

96th Anniversary of United Church and Sunday School Promotion

Sunday, June 13th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Prelude "What Wondrous Love" American folk hymn
arr. Vicki Collinsworth

Words of Welcome

A Time with Our Young People

Opening Prayer (National Online Service)

Recognition of the Territory

The Right Reverend Dr. R. Bott

Call to Gather

We are gathered at this part of the body of Christ,
the people of God known as The United Church of
Canada. We are gathered from far and wide,
from north and south, from east and west,
from beside the waters—still and running—
salty and fresh—
from mountains and prairies,
from rocks and trees,
from places urban, suburban, and rural community!
We are gathered as young and old and everything in
between.

We are gathered together...but...

But are we really together?

We're spread out across the land.

We're in our own homes.

We're listening on our computers or our phones.

Are we really together?

Yes! Oh, yes!

The space may be virtual, but the worship is real!

The voices may be shared in bits and bites,
but the songs and prayers are real!

The connection may be across the Internet,
but the love—the love and celebration—it is REAL!

And, when the inaugural service happened in Mutual
Street Arena,

with all of the representatives gathered,
the church worshipped together—

even though we were spread across the land!

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my
name, I am there."

Christ is with us.
We are never, ever alone.
As we gather together, let our worship shout,
THANKS BE TO GOD!

ALLELUIA, THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hymn (331) “The Church’s One Foundation”

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ
our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we
might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
- 2 Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith,
one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own
Spirit led.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees
us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up,
'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn
of song.
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes
are blest,

and the great church victorious shall be the church
at rest.

- 5 We now on earth have union with God the Three
in One,
and share through faith communion with those
whose rest is won.

Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with
thee.

Scriptures

1 Corinthians 13
Matthew 25:34a–40 K. Liddle

Reflections

Rev. F. James, B.C.
Rev. D. Sloan, Quebec
Rev. M. Anderson, Saskatchewan

Hymn (154) M.V. “Deep in Our Hearts” vs. 1 & 2

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Prayers for Creation

God within,
(leader with hands on heart)
God without,
(leader with hands to sides, palms out)

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God of all creation,
(leader creating a globe with their hands, fingertips touching)
we offer you our prayers...
(leader moves hands to create a cup)
for ourselves, and for all creation
(leader places one hand on heart, other in front, palm out)
(pause for silent prayer)
for the creatures of the sea
(hand making a swimming motion)
for the birds of the air
(hand making a flying/bird motion)
for all that lives on the land,
(a fist, sitting on the land)
or in it...
(the other fist, underneath it)
we give thanks!
(arms open wide in "ALLELUIA!" pose)
We recognize that your creation is hurting
(bring arms in, with wrists crossing at chest)
and that we have been the cause of that pain,
(keep wrists crossed, bring arms tighter against chest)
forgive us, we pray,
(hands back to making a cup)
(pause for silent prayer)
help us, we pray, to be transformers, healers, people
who change the world
(hands back to making a globe)
for the health and well being of all your creatures,
from the smallest to the largest.
(hands pull back to make the globe bigger and bigger and bigger!)

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Help us to understand that we are ONE part
of your creation,
and that your love fills the spaces,
connecting us all.
(hands brought together, fingers interlaced)
Help us to live together, new.
(pause for silent prayer)
As followers of Jesus,
(hands raised in praise)
as people led by the Holy Spirit,
(hands like a bird in front of chest)
as people loved by the Creator,
(arms wrapping around self)
we pray.
Amen.
(hands in prayer, in front of body)

Hymn (154) M.V. "Deep in Our Hearts" vs. 3 & 4

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Recommitment to Our Shared Faith...

Blessing of the Water

After the blessing of the water people are invited to take some of the water and make the sign of the

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cross, a fish, or another symbol of their faith on their forehead as we share in A New Creed.

Confession of Faith

Do you believe you live in God's world?

I do!

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating?

I do!

Do you believe in Jesus, the Word made flesh, who came to reconcile and make new, who works in us, and others, by the Holy Spirit?

I do!

Do you trust in God?

I do!

**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 all creation!**

We are not alone!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn (109) M.V. "My Soul Is Thirsting for You"

Refrain

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God.*

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,

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*thirsting for you, my God,
thirsting for you, my God.*

Verse 1.

*O God, you are my God,
and I will always praise you.*

*In the shadow of your wings
I cling to you and you hold me high. **Refrain***

Verse 2.

*Through the day you walk with me;
all the night your love
surrounds me.*

*To the glory of your name
I lift my hands, I sing your praise. **Refrain***

Verse 3.

I will never be afraid,
for I will not be abandoned.
Even when the road grows long
and weary
your love will rescue me. **Refrain**

Call to Action

K. Liddle

Our prayers need to be more than just words.

Our prayers need to be actions.

A Christian named Teresa from a town called Avila said something like...

Christ has no body now except yours.

No hands, no feet on earth except yours.

Your senses are the senses through which he experiences the world with love.

Your path is the path with which he journeys to do

good.
 Your touch is the touch through which
 he blesses all the world.
 Your body.
 Your senses.
 Your hands.
 Your feet.
 Your heart.
 You are his body.
 Christ has no body now on earth except yours.
 So. Let's go, church!
 However we can learn, let's learn.
 However we can heal, let's heal.
 However we can be hope, let's be hope.
 LET'S GO, CHURCH!

Blessings on the Way

Rev. Cooper

96 years of life.
 96 years of ministry.
 96 years of possibility.
 96 years of story.
 96 years that are a part of 2,000 years gone by.
 People of God, know this—
 in the coming year,
 in the coming decade,
 in the coming century,
 in the coming millennium...
 we will continue to be Jesus' people,
 living out his call.
 We don't know where that will take us.
 We don't know what it will look like.

But we do know this—
 we will never be alone in this journey.
 God is with us. All ways. And Always.
 The peace of Christ holds us,
 and the love of the Creator enfolds us,
 and the wings of the Holy Spirit carry us,
 carry all creation,
 now, and forever.
 ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
 AMEN!

Postlude "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
 Henry Purcell, arr. Cindy Berry

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio/video worship service. May your hearts be touched with a spirit of peace and calm knowing God is always with you to guide, support and care for you.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker, R. Bloor and R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to K. Liddle for reading a scripture lesson.

Today, Sunday, June 13th, Celebration of our United Church's 96th Anniversary with our moderator, The Right Reverend Dr. R. Bott, online worship service and Sunday School celebration.

Sunday, June 20th, Father's Day and Indigenous Sunday.

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Sunday, June 27th, Canada Day celebration. You are invited to wear red and white.

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please contact E. Turnbull or R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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God bless you, stay well, and we hope you join in next week...same day, same time, same number and video link.



The Right Reverend Dr. R. Bott

Have a Blessed Day!

