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Worship Service

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World Wide Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 3rd, 2021 11:00 a.m.

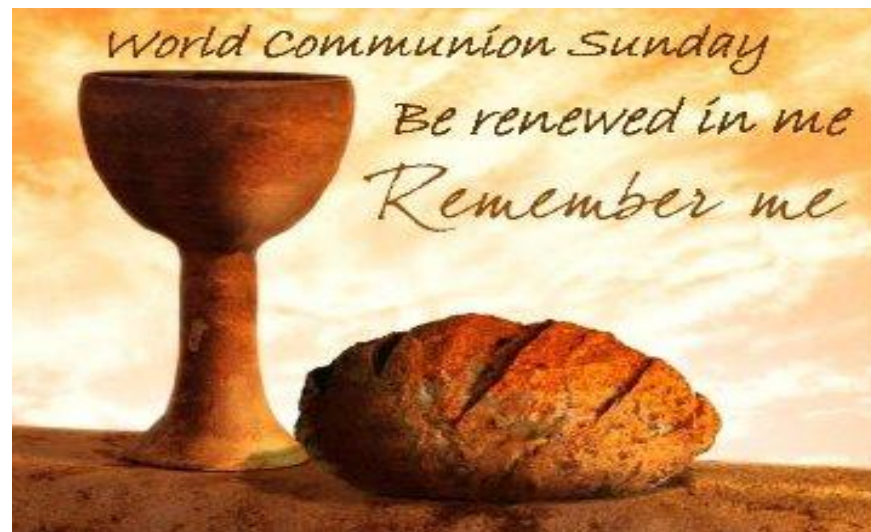
Moment of Silent Reflection:

Cleanliness is treating our bodies with respect and care by keeping ourselves clean, fresh and healthy, eating pure foods and breathing fresh air. We strive to keep our spirit clean and our mind clear. We rid ourselves of habits that do not serve our dignity. We think and speak in ways that honour others and ourselves. Cleaning up our mistakes gives us a fresh start. When we forgive, we cleanse our hearts of negativity. We do our part to care for the earth. Cleanliness around us makes our souls peaceful. Cleanliness within us brings more peace to the world.
(The Virtues Project)

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Praising God

Prelude "Deep River" African-American spiritual, anon
arr. Phillip Keveren



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Christ calls us to gather at the river to worship. We celebrate the salmon, trout, catfish, turtles, ducks and dragonflies as we give thanks to God. Together let us join the song of the river as we gather round God's table, to feast on God's love. We bring our hunger so we can be fed, our emptiness so we can be filled, and ourselves, so we can be loved. Let us celebrate this universal Creator of river and sacrament, where all are welcomed at God's table.

Opening Prayer (together)

Creator God, whose glory fills our planet, raise our awareness of Your presence among us, especially in the life of rivers. Thank You for their sparkling beauty, bubbling joy, and refreshing goodness. We remember that water is a symbol for life, health, wealth, justice and our dependence on You. We cannot live without water. May worship quench our thirst for Living Water and connect us with the sacredness of life. Amen.

Hymn (710) "Shall We Gather at the River" vs. 1,2,3

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God?
**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**
- 2 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. **R**
- 3 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. **R**

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Holy God, like a gushing mountain stream, You carry us in the river of life ever flowing towards Your ocean of love. Forgive us when we fail to honour the sacredness of water or try to paddle upstream. Help us to go with the flow of Your enlivening Spirit. Enable us to see our interconnectedness and interdependence so that we may be loving stewards of all that surrounds us. Amen.

Sung Assurance (577) "I've Got Peace Like a River"

- 1 I've got peace like a river, vs. 1, 3
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
- 3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Reading Genesis 2:10-15 M. Kitagawa
(Rivers flowing from the Garden of Eden.)

Gospel Lesson John 7:37-39 M. Kitagawa
(Rivers of living water flow from the hearts of believers.)

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Solo "I See the Love of God" David Ouchterlony
L. Lazar, Soprano



Amazon River

Sermon "Rivers of Life" Rev. Cooper

Responding to God

Invitation to the Table (Rev. Cooper and M. Kitagawa)

One: People of faith, welcome to this table of blessings!

All: We seek to be fed and nurtured.

One: People of faith, bring your doubts and fears and leave them at this table.

All: Christ meets us here and accepts each one of us just as we are.

One: People of faith, let us unite with Christians everywhere as we satisfy our hunger and deepen our faith.

Hymn (467) "One Bread, One Body" vs. 1,2,3

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

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1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. R

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. R

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. R

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Rev. Cooper and M. Kitagawa)

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: God, we give You thanks for the richness of the world You have created.

**All: We celebrate the purple mountains soaring
above wildflower plains where grasses raise their
heads to meet the summer breeze.**

One: You send clouds floating endlessly around the sky and set stars to twinkle upon the earth with joy and delight.

**All: You call the dolphins to dance and play in the
waves and the giraffes to saunter endlessly
across the desert sands.**

One: We see Your image glowing in the faces of our children and we delight in Your voice shining through the hearts of all people who seek to live in a spirit of love.

All: We shout our praises as You give us life so that we may live together in this world flowing with milk and honey.

One: As we gather around this table, remind us of other tables around the world. Let us see the many hands breaking bread. Let us see the many cups raised up for a blessing.

All: Remind us O God, that this table knows no limits. Help us to stretch this table from one horizon to the other, with all the faithful gathered around it.

One: As we eat the bread and drink from the cup, may Your Spirit seek to fill us and our world. Teach us, O God, the way of the bread, the source of life and the way of the cup, the life in our veins. Unite us in Your Spirit of faith and love as we celebrate Your gift to us. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(You are invited to eat some bread or a cracker and drink a beverage.)

Post-Communion Prayer (unison)

Loving God, we have been fed here by Your love. Thank You for the ways in which You care for us and others. We give thanks for Your gift of creation and pray that one day we may all be one in Your Spirit. Touch our lives with Your Spirit and send us forth with love and gratitude. Amen.

Hymn (402)

“We Are One”

vs. 1, 3, 4

- 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.
- 3 We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.
- 4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from 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

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both now and forever more. (Psalm 121:5-8)
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish Blessing)

Choral Amen (528) "God of Life" vs. 1

1 God of life, in Christ you lead us,
guiding us along the way.
In our past, through joys and sorrows,
you have been our strength and stay.
Keep us faithful, true disciples,
in our learning and our praise,
celebrating past and present,
consecrating future days.

Postlude "Like a River Glorious" James Mountain
arr. Bob Walters

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker and R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to M. Kitagawa for reading our scripture and communion litany. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

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We will continue to offer Zoom audio and video worship services. Our priority is to keep everyone safe and well. This also means everyone who would like to attend our services is able to do so from their homes.

Today, Sunday, October 3rd, is World Wide Communion Sunday. We invite you, when you join the service, to have ready a piece of bread, cracker or cookie and a beverage, and together we will share the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, October 10th, we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday.

Sunday, Oct. 17th, our theme will be Creation Time.

Sunday, October 24th, our theme is World Food Day. We invite you to give a special offering to support the Mission and Service Fund.

Sunday, October 31st, will be our **Annual Memorial Service** to remember loved ones who have died since Nov. 2020. If you have had a loved one or friend pass away this past year, please let Rev. Cooper know their name and date of passing by Oct. 24th. You will be invited to light a candle in your home in memory of your loved one when their name is read.

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Newsletter - Do you have something you would like to contribute to the BUC Fall 2021 Newsletter? We are looking for tidbits that have encouraged or inspired you over these last several months...maybe a poem, a joke, inspirational saying, your garden, a worship service picture. Perhaps, you would like to write an article. Please send your contribution to office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca by October 31st.

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



Have a blessed week!!