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Worship Service

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World Wide Communion Sunday And Creation Time

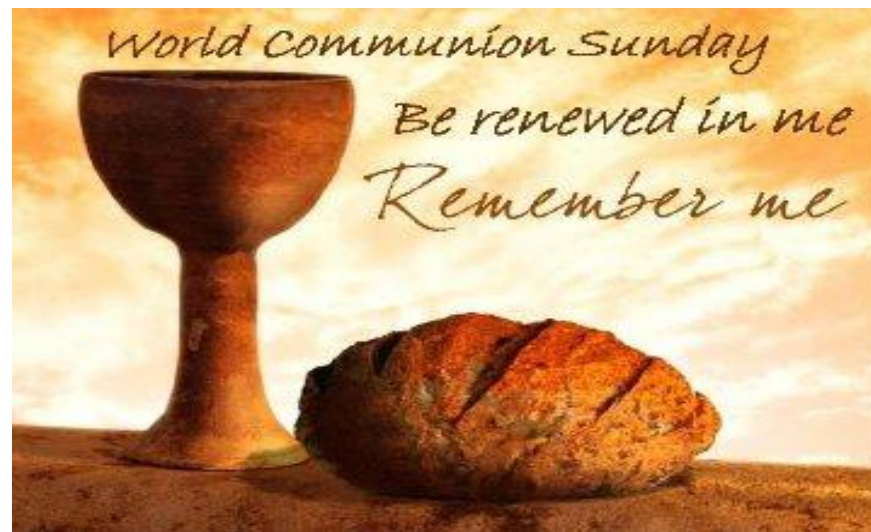
Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Solitude is very different from a "time-out" from our busy lives. Solitude is the very ground from which community grows. Whenever we pray alone, study, read, write, or simply spend quiet time away from the places where we interact with each other directly, we are potentially opened for a deeper intimacy with each other. ---- **Henri Nouwen**

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "Let Us Break Bread Together"
African-American Spiritual - arr. Cindy Berry



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Millions of Christians all over the world are celebrating World Wide Communion Sunday today. We are all God's guests at God's table of love, forgiveness, peace and joy. The bread is broken, the wine is poured.

In the wilderness places of our lives and world, we seek to feed our hungers and to fill our emptiness so that we may all feel loved and nurtured.

May we unite with all creation as we worship and praise God!

Opening Prayer (together)

God of Love, as You gather the Church into one body, gather us into Your presence. Thank You for the gift of the wilderness- a place where we go to find clarity, hope and rejuvenation. May our wilderness adventures equip us for life as God's people of hope and love. Amen.

Hymn (375) "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" vs. 1,2,4

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **R**
- 2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their
eyes. **R**
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream
dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. **R**

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Faithful God, You have provided us with all we need. Yet at times we find ourselves searching for more. We journey into the wilderness unsure of our next steps. We wander in circles, tested by life. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on those things that create wholeness, abundance and peace in our lives. Amen.

Sung Assurance (381) "Spirit of Life"

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me. **(repeat once)**

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Lesson Deuteronomy 8: 1-18

P. Watanabe

(How the wilderness journey prepared the Israelites
for the Promised Land.)

Solo "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

S. Dunstan/B. Harwood

L. Lazar, Soprano



Sermon "The Gift of the Wilderness" Rev. Cooper

Responding to God

Invitation to the Table

(Rev. Cooper and P. Watanabe)

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.**

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 P. Watanabe)

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
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.

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Keep us faithful, true disciples,
in our learning and our praise,
celebrating past and present,
consecrating future days.

Postlude

"The Lord's Prayer"
Albert Hay Malotte - trans. Carl Deis

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. Bloor for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to P. Watanabe 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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Sunday, October 9th, we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday on Zoom.

Sunday, Sunday, October 16th, worship service on Zoom.

Sunday, October 23rd, in-person worship service as well as a Zoom service.

Sunday, October 30th, will be our **Annual Memorial Service** to remember loved ones who have died since Nov. 2021. 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.

Newsletter - Do you have something you would like to contribute to the BUC Fall 2022 Newsletter? We are looking for pictures or stories 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 30th.

