



St. James United Church

An Affirming Ministry

Weekly Service Bulletin – October 28th, 2018

110th Anniversary Celebration!

*Welcome Rev. Millar, Trinity and Emmanuel
United Churches, Guests!*

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**Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE / WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH / INTROIT

WE GATHER

As we gather for worship, we celebrate the shining waters which run through the ancestral lands of our Indigenous sisters and brothers in the area. Those waters shimmer with the Great Spirit of all Creation and the spirits of the fathers and mothers that come ahead of us. In our time together, let the ground on which we gather be sacred ground.

Rev. Don Uhryniw

CHRIST & RAINBOW CANDLE LIGHTING (*responsive*)

Rev. Don Uhryniw

One: God is present in magnificent temples.

All: God is present in nomadic tents.

One: God is present in wooden clapboard churches.

All: God is present in outdoor chapels.

One: God was present in the past.

All: God will be present in the future.

One: We light the Jesus and Rainbow candles, acknowledging that God, in Jesus, is present with us right now, in this very place, at this very time of celebration.

Fern Gibbard, *Gathering - Pentecost 2*, 2018 (adapted)

***GATHERING SONG**

Let Us Build a House

MV#1, vs. 1,2,4,5

Words and music: Marty Haugen; French trans. David Fines, 2006

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to for-give.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **R**

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Built of outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: **R**

Refrain:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **R**

CALL TO CELEBRATION (*responsive*)

One: We gather, looking back to see the paths taken,

All: Looking forward to see our path.

One: We honour those who have gone before us,

All: Learning from their successes, joys, struggles and challenges.

One: We celebrate who we are today,

All: And welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us.

One: We gather to worship God,

All: the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

www.worshipwords.co.uk (adapted)

OPENING PRAYER (*responsive*)

One: God in whom we live and move and have our being:

All: from pew to pew we gather in prayer;

One: from generation to generation we sing;

**All: On this 110th anniversary we give thanks
for your care, guidance and love.**

One: In this heritage of trust

we pray for St. James, for the churches gathered here today,

for the United Church of Canada -

and for faithful living and discernment in this time and place.

We offer our prayer in Jesus' name, and we say his prayer together...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

VU#921

***HYMN**

God of Life

VU#528, vs. 1,3,4

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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.

3. God of music, psalms and anthems, help us sing your faith anew:
melodies expanding worship, harmonies enriching too.
May our lives be hymns in action, turned to Christ in note and rhyme,
celebrating past and present, consecrating future time.
4. God of days and years and eons, still you call as in the past.
Work undone demands our labour; justice yearns for peace at last.
Yours the vision and the challenge; ours the mission and the praise,
celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.

ANTHEM

I Hear Music

THEME CONVERSATION

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Teach us faith, teach us caring, teach us love, teach us sharing.
Help us love your whole creation. Make our lives a celebration! Amen.

WE REFLECT

POEM

Eileen Stanbury

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing?

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 34

Rev. Jeannette Millar

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?
Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.
He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

***HYMN**

Draw the Circle Wide

MV#145

Words and music: Gordon Light, 1994; arrangement: Michael Bloss, 1998; French translation: Denise Soulodre, 2006

Refrain:

Draw the circle wide.

Draw it wider still.

**Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.**

1. God the still point of circle,
round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **R**
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **R**
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before,
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **R**

REFLECTION

Rev. Jeannette Millar

WE RESPOND

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC *Hallelujah*

***SUNG OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *What Can I Do?*

MV#191

Words and music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy, arr. Alan C. Whitmore, 2005.

**What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy, I'll say a prayer. I bring my love. I'll do my share.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Kevin Derry

WE GO FORTH

HYMNTravel On, Travel On***VU#647**

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1. Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is flowing,
a spirit that is flowing night and day.
Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is flowing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.
Travel on, travel on, with the river that is flowing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.
2. Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is growing,
the spirit grows like flowers night and day.
Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is growing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.
Travel on, travel on, with the flower that is growing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.
3. Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is playing,
the spirit plays like music every day.
Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is playing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.
Travel on, travel on, with the music that is playing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.
4. In the kingdom of heaven is our end and our beginning,
the road we must travel every day.
Travel on, travel on, to the kingdom that is coming,
the kingdom will be with us all the way.
Travel on, travel on, to the kingdom that is coming,
the kingdom will be with us all the way.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR LUNCH**BLESSING**

Sister Catherine McAuley, Mercy Story, 1831(adapted)

SUNG BLESSINGWe Are Marching***VU#646**

Words, Music: South African traditional song, 20th century. Translation, Arrangement: © 1984 Walton Music Corporation.

1. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God. (the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

POSTLUDE