



Birchcliff Bluffs United Church

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MUSIC SUNDAY - CAMPFIRE SONGS

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Call to Worship

O God, open our lips,
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

It is good to praise God
and make music to your name, O Most High,
**to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night.**

Come, let us sing for joy to God;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before God with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

Opening Hymn

Michael Row The Boat Ashore

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah.
Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah.

Sister help to trim the sail, hallelujah.
Sister help to trim the sail, hallelujah.

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah.
Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah.

The River Jordan is chilly and cold, hallelujah.
Chills the body but not the soul, hallelujah.

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah.
Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah.

The river is deep and the river is wide, hallelujah.
Milk and honey on the other side, hallelujah.

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah.
Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah.

Land Acknowledgement

This land on which we gather is the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Mississaugas of the Credit. We live, work, play and worship the Creator on this land and acknowledge with respect the thousands of years of ceremony and relationship that are etched in footprints, fire, and faithfulness on the soil and rock that surrounds us.

Candle Lighting

As we light this candle we remember the One who came to be the light in our darkness. Like the lighting of a campfire, may this flame spread warmth, joy and love as it brings its light to the world.

Opening Prayer

**Come, let worship God
God who wills dignity for every family, every person,
Who lies at the heart of each life and speaks to the depth of each heart.
Who is constant adventure, constant movement, constant presence.
Amen.**

Hymn

Do Lord

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,
Look away beyond the blue.

I've got a home in glory land, that outshines the sun
I've got a home in glory land, that outshines the sun
I've got a home in glory land, that outshines the sun
Look away beyond the blue.

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too,
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too,
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too,
Look away beyond the blue.

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,
Look away beyond the blue.

I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun.
Look away beyond the blue.

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,
Look away beyond the blue.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, ^[b] drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ¹ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Song

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole wide world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the little bitty baby in his hands.
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands.
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me sister, in his hands.
He's got you and me brother, in his hands.
He's got you and me sister, in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got ev'rybody here in his hands.
He's got ev'rybody here in his hands.
He's got ev'rybody here in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole wide world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands

Presentation

Chewy Tells a Story

Tricia Reid

The Unicorn

A long time ago when the Earth was green
And there was more kinds of animals than you've ever seen
They'd run around free while the Earth was being born
But the loveliest of them all was the unicorn

There were green alligators and long-necked geese
Some humpty-back camels and some chimpanzees
Some cats and rats and elephants, but sure as you're born
The loveliest of all was the unicorn

Song

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine around the world, We're gonna let it shine.
Let it shine around the world, We're gonna let it shine.
Let it shine around the world, We're gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Reflection

Hymn

Kum Ba Yah

Kum bah ya, my Lord, kum bah ya
Kum bah ya, my Lord, kum bah ya

Kum bah ya, my Lord, kum bah ya
Oh Lord, kum bah ya

Somebody needs you Lord, kum bah ya
Somebody needs you Lord, kum bah ya
Somebody needs you Lord, kum bah ya
Oh Lord, kum bah ya

In the morning won't you kum bah ya
In the morning won't you kum bah ya
In the morning won't you kum bah ya
Oh Lord, kum bah ya

Kum bah ya, my lord, kum bah ya
Kum bah ya, my lord, kum bah ya
Kum bah ya, my lord, kum bah ya
Oh Lord, kum bah ya

Sinners need you Lord, kum bah ya
Sinners need you Lord, kum bah ya
Sinners need you Lord, kum bah ya
Oh Lord, kum bah ya

I'm gonna need you Lord, kum bah ya
I'm gonna need you Lord, kum bah ya
I'm gonna need you Lord, kum bah ya
Oh Lord, kum bah ya

Kum bah ya, my Lord, kum bah ya
Kum bah ya, my Lord, kum bah ya
Kum bah ya, my Lord, kum bah ya
Oh Lord, kum bah ya

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Life & Work of the Church

Offering

God of grace,

All we are and all we have are yours alone.

Accept our joyful offering as a token of our abiding love:

use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

Prayers of the People

Creator God,
because you make all that draws forth our praise
and the forms in which to express it,
we thank you.

Because you make artists of us all,
awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted,
grace to share these insights with others,
vision to reveal the future already in being,
we thank you.

Because you form your Word among us,
and in your great work embrace all human experience,
even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song,
we thank you.

We now take a moment to remember those, both in our church family and elsewhere, who we
keep in our prayers today...

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray these words.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven

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
Forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive them who trespass against us
Forgive us our trespasses

Our Father, who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven

Oh Lord lead us not into temptation
But save us from evil

And the kingdom, the power
And the glory forever will be Yours

Our Father, who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn

I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

Benediction & Commissioning

**May the blessing of God,
the giver of every good and perfect gift;
and of Christ, who summons us to service;
and of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love,
be with us all, now and forever.
Amen.**

Postlude

When The Saints Go Marching In

Oh when the Saints go marching in
Oh when the Saints go marching in
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in

And when the sun refuse to shine
When the sun refuse to shine
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the sun refuse to shine

When Gabriel blows that golden horn
When Gabriel blows that golden horn
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When he blows that golden horn

And when they ring those silver bells
And when they ring those silver bells
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When they ring those silver bells

And when the angels gather 'round
And when the angels gather 'round
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the angels gather 'round

Oh when the Saints go marching in
Oh when the Saints go marching in
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in

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**Additional Lectionary
Year C
Sunday, June 26, 2022**

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14

Elijah Ascends to Heaven

² Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰ He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Elisha Succeeds Elijah

¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Where is he?” He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20

To the leader: according to Jeduthun. Of Asaph. A Psalm.

¹ I cry aloud to God,

aloud to God, that he may hear me.

² In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;

in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;

my soul refuses to be comforted.

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;
I will remember your wonders of old.
¹² I will meditate on all your work
and muse on your mighty deeds.
¹³ Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is so great as our God?
¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders;
you have displayed your might among the peoples.
¹⁵ With your strong arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah*
¹⁶ When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
the very deep trembled.
¹⁷ The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered;
your arrows flashed on every side.
¹⁸ The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.
¹⁹ Your way was through the sea,
your path through the mighty waters,
yet your footprints were unseen.
²⁰ You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Luke 9:51–62

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”^[a] ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then^[b] they went on to another village.

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”
⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ And Jesus^[c] said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

