



Birchcliff Bluffs United Church

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Call to Worship

In the beauty of the Trinity, three and also one, in the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit we come to worship today.

Amen.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.*

In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."

And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

We are here as God's community to worship the Source of our being.

Response

Let All Things Now Living (v.1)

VU 242

Words: Katherine K. Davis © 1939, 1966 E.C. Schirmer Music Co.

Music: Welsh folk melody.

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

Life & Work of the Church



Welcome to online worship

We will have communion today and we invite you prepare some bread, a slice or a small loaf of any kind of bread or cracker. It can be anything that you alone or you with others in your house may break and share. Prepare a cup or cups of juice — perhaps grape or cranberry — or wine, with or without alcohol. Remember, in John's gospel, Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine. If all you have is a glass of water, its enough.

Set these elements out wherever you experience online worship. Perhaps you want to put them on a cloth or fabric that reminds you of a special time or a person deeply connected with you in your life or in our faith community. Perhaps you want to prepare a candle to place beside the bread and the cup, or a a flower, a plant or the photograph of someone you wish to bring with you into this experience in this circle of faith

Land Acknowledgement



Candle Lighting

Opening Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising (v. 1 & 3)

VU 256

Words: Michael Perry © 1982 Hope Publishing Company
Music: Gustav Theodor Holst

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty God.

- 3 Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing.
May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,

we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Opening Prayer

*Holy One you have birthed us into life,
and you have nurtured us along our way,
In you we have live. In you we move and have our
being.*

*To you we bring our offering of praise and
thanksgiving.*

*We open ourselves to your presence in this time of
worship.*

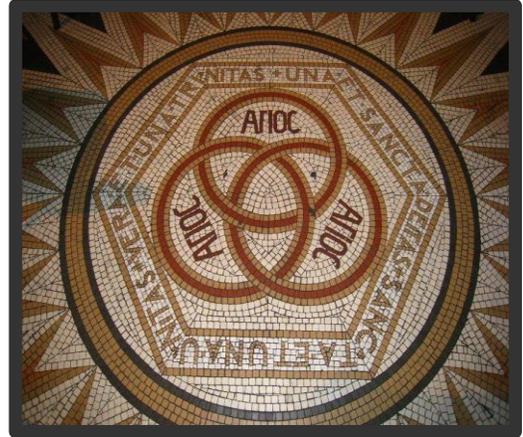
*Fill us with resolve and purpose, to be your
community*

*and to expand our boundaries until all of creation is
renewed*

and all people are welcomed and blessed.

*This we ask through the risen and ascended Christ
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.*

Amen



WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

And Now for Something Completely Different



Over my head, I hear music in the air
Over my head, I hear music in the air
Over my head, I hear music in the air
There must be a God somewhere

1. When the storms of life are ragin'
I hear music in the air
When the storms of live are ragin'
I hear music in the air
When the storms of life are ragin'
I hear music in the air
There must be a God somewhere

Over my head, I hear music in the air
Over my head, I hear music in the air
Over my head, I hear music in the air
There must be a God somewhere.

2. When the winds of strife are blowin'
I hear music in the air
When the winds of strife are blowin'
I hear music in the air
When the winds of strife are blowin'
I hear music in the air
There must be a God somewhere

Over my head, I hear music in the air
Over my head, I hear music in the air
Over my head, I hear music in the air
There must be a God somewhere
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Prayer of Illumination

Help us O God, to come to you with open lives to receive your words.

May we give them new life as we listen to what you have to say.

Open our hearts as we embark on this journey with each other and with you. Amen

Genesis 1:1- 2:4a

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good;

and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together were called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.



of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea living creature that moves, of every kind, swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. ²² God blessed them, saying, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds ²³ And there was evening and there was

²⁴ And God said, “Let the kind: cattle and creeping every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

earth bring forth living creatures of every things and wild animals of the earth of ²³ And there was evening and there was

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humankind in God’s image, in the image of God they were created.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with



seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything was made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that had been done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that was done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that was done in creation.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Hymn

Teach Me, God, to Wonder (v. 1, 2 & 4)

VU 299

Words: © 1973 Walter Farquharson

Music: © 1974 Ron Klusmeier

- 1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.
- 2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.
- 4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.

Matthew 28: 16-20

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Let there be (Black) Light



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Hymn

Let There Be Light

VU 679

Words: © 1970 Frances Wheeler Davis
Music: © 1976 Margaret Fleming

- 1 Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;
- 2 open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace;
- 3 perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain;
- 6 let there be light;
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering our Gifts to God



Communion

Invitation & Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you
And also with you!
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to God,
God is with us, in community – Trinity, Three in One.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.



...We raise our voice in song

Sanctus and Benedictus MV 203

Words: William S. Kervin and Paul Stott
Music: traditional melody, England and Ireland

*O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace!
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!*



...we sing together

Memorial Acclamation MV 204

*Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again! (x2)*



...in the unity of the Spirit, we pray.

Great Amen MV 205

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen! (x2)

...Sharing of the meal...

Prayer after Communion:



*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. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.
Amen.*

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn

God, Whose Almighty Word

VU 313

Words: John Marriott 1813

Music: Adapted from Felice de Giardini 1769

- 1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.
- 2 Jesus, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the troubled mind, sight to the Spirit-blind,
O now to humankind let there be light.
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving, holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.
- 4 Blessed and holy three,
glorious trinity, wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide, let there be light.

Benediction & Commissioning (based on 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13)

That's about it, friends. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be and the God of love you for sure. Greet virtual embrace. All say hello.



agreeable. Do all that, and peace will be with one another with a of the community here

Postlude

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Other Resources for Today

Sermon resources: Black Lives Matter

United Church of Canada Statement

<https://www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/black-lives-matter-canada-also>

Black Lives Matter - Canada

<https://blacklivesmatter.ca/>

Government of Canada – Anti-racism resources

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/anti-racism-engagement/resources.html>

Other Lectionary Readings

Psalm 8

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals^[a] that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.