



Birchcliff Bluffs United Church

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WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude

The Sand of the Shore

Music: Josef Klug

Call to Worship

Our church, like any community changes.

Babies are born, children grow; loved ones grow old.

Sometimes people leave, moving on to new places, new experiences,
new opportunities.

Let us not forget the ministry of this place.

Christ remains the centre and we go on.

We covenant with each other, walk together, and grow closer to God.

God’s covenant with us does not change

but our covenants with each other do.

Today we mark the end of our time together with love and care.

Let us worship God in this place.



Response

There Is a Time

MV 165

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There is a time that we must rise

There is a time that we must stand

There is a time that we must come together

For blessed are our lives

Blessed our love and blessed the promise gathered now.

There is a time we know the way

There is a time we watch and pray

In living faith we make our way together

For blessed are our lives

Blessed our love and blessed the promise gathered now.

Life & Work of the Church

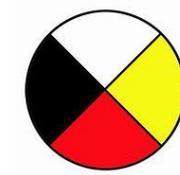


Welcome to online



Land Acknowledgement

Candle Lighting



worship

Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Rowland Huw Prichard

VU 333

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.*

*Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as your hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Opening Prayer

*O God, we give you thanks
for the time and the faith shared in this community.
We give you thanks for the faithful ministry of Greg in our midst.
We thank you for the worship,
the learning, and the service*

*that have been ours together.
Be with us now as we mark the end of this relationship,
and guide us by your Spirit
into the next stage of our life with you. Amen.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

And Now for Something Completely Different: Marking our Covenant

Congregation:

We receive your thankfulness and offer our forgiveness. We are grateful for your guidance and your gifts. When we leave this space, may we know God's grace and peace.



Hymn

Though I May Speak

VU 372

Words: Hal H. Hopson © 1972 Hope Publishing Co.
Music: Traditional English melody

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.*

Prayer of Illumination

*The scriptures proclaim to us the message of your light.
Loving and ever-present God, shine your light on us
so that we may discover and live a path that follows you.
Amen*

Luke 4:21-30

New Revised Standard Version

²¹Then Jesus began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb,

‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’”²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land;²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

1 Corinthians 13

New Revised Standard Version

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Sermon

All You Need is Love



Hymn

The Love of God

Words & Music: Frederick Martin Lehman

*The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.
O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.*

*When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When those, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race— the saints' and angels' song.
O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and everyone a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.
O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering



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Prayers of the People



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

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Words & Music by Graham Kendrick © 1987 Make Way Music

*God, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with your radiant glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word God, and let there be light*

*God, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with your radiant glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word God, and let there be light*

*As we gaze on your holy brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with your radiant glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word God, and let there be light*

Benediction & Commissioning (from the Book of Jude)



Postlude

Morning Has Broken

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