

St. Mark's United Church



Summer Service

August 9, 2020

Welcome

Gathering with Music

Open Our Hearts
Like a Rock

MV 21
MV 92

Centering ourselves and focusing our thoughts

*In these quiet moments, still yourself,
be attentive to your breathing
and remember the words of the Psalmist:
"In God alone, my soul finds rest."*

Acknowledging the Land – Seeking Right Relations:

As we gather to worship God, our common Creator,
**We prayerfully commit to seek justice and reconciliation
With the Indigenous Nations and peoples
On whose ancestral, traditional and unceded territory
We live, work and worship today.**

Call to Worship

O God who makes all things new, speak to us. We bring with us our daily concerns, as well as our more eternal questions. May your truth touch our minds and our deeper yearnings of heart and soul.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

God of summer, of sunshine and of rain,
be with us as we gather into this time of worship.

We know that we each come
with different hopes and needs
as we gather to worship.

We know we come as individuals, often feeling alone.

We come to be gathered together,
to be strengthened and supported
by this community of faith.

We come to be held in your presence
as we listen, sing and pray.
Help us. Strengthen us. Fill us with the promise of your love.
Renew us. Refresh us.
That we may go out into the world,
empowered and renewed by your spirit. Amen.

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| Opening Hymn | For the Beauty of the Earth | VU 226 |
| Scripture | Matthew 14: 22-33 | Karen Boniface |
| Conversation | The Miracles of Life | Bart Boniface |

(moment for reflection)

(Caitlin plays a short piece)

Prayers of the People

In and with God,
We can direct our lives toward right relationship
With each other and with God.
We can discover our place as one strand in the web of life.
We can grow in wisdom and compassion.
We can recognize all people as kin.
We can accept our mortality and finitude, not as a curse,
But as a challenge to make our lives and choices matter.
God we ask your blessing upon these people we name:

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| Closing Hymn | Deep in Our Hearts | VU 154 |
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| Sending Forth & Blessing (Projected – spoken) | (MV 222) |
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**May the peace of God be your peace.
May the love of God be the love you show.
May the joy of God be the joy you know,
and may the world that God would see
be found in you.**

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| Postlude | Caitlin Holland |
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