



Sunday, September 5, 2021



Summer time is usually a time of relaxing, activities slowing down and R & R (rest & relaxation), however with Covid these past months things have been at a slower pace. In the Church Year this is Ordinary Time which is a time to be and a time to refresh yourself. Take the time this summer to reflect on the lessons learned from Covid as we move into more activities in the fall. Be safe and know that God walks with us on this journey of life.

Order of Service

GATHERING: There is a balm in Gilead arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We wait for you, O God,

And in your word is our hope.

We wait for you,

More than the watchers long for the morning.

We wait in hope,

Knowing that in you there is love unfailing.

We wait with joy,

Because you have the power to restore us again.

We wait for you, O God,

As we open our hearts and minds to you.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

HYMN: **VU371** Open My Eyes, That I May See
(refrain only after last verse with "open my heart")

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7:24-37 Read by Judy Oatway

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO: Judy Oatway—The Bird's Song

SERMON

HYMN: **MV150** Spirit God, Be Our Breath

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU542** We Give You But You Own

We give you but your own,

whatever the gift may be;

all that we have is yours alone,

we give it gratefully.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Spirit of God be with you all.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them to God.

Give thanks to our God!

All our thanks, all our praise!

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!...

...Saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:

Holy, Holy, Holy, God,

our life, our mercy, our might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Save us, we pray, you beyond all.

Blest is the One who comes in your name.

Save us, we pray, you beyond all.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!...

...You holding us in the night,

Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
Your hand with Moses and Miriam,
Your words through Deborah and Isaiah,
You lived as Jesus among us,
Healing, teaching, dying, rising,
Inviting us all to your feast.



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Holy God, we remember your Son,
His life with the humble,
His death among the wretched,
His resurrection for us all:
Your wisdom our guide,
Your justice our strength,
Your grace our path to rebirth.*

*And so we cry, Mercy:
Mercy!
And so we cry, Glory:
Glory!
And so we cry, Blessing:
Blessing!*

*Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.
Enliven this bread,
Awaken this body,
Pour us out for each other.
Transfigure our minds,
Ignite your church,
Nourish the life of the earth.
Make us, while many, united,
Make us, though broken, whole,
Make us, despite death, alive.*

*And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit!
And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit!
And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit!*

*You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,
Our Life, our Mercy, our Might,
Our Table, our Food, our Server,
Our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,
Our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,
Our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,
Our Way, our Truth, our Life.*

*You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Praise now,
Praise tomorrow,
Praise forever.*

*And so we cry, Amen:
Amen!*

OFFERING OF PRAYERS/THE PRAYER OF JESUS

SHARING OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:
You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
We praise you for your gift of life for us;
For the gift of life we, as your body, can pass
on to others.
You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Sustain and guide us as we become your sac-
rament in the world. Amen.

HYMN: **MV212** Sent Out in Jesus' Name

BENEDICTION
May the Christ who walks with wounded feet,
walk with us on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands,
stretch out our hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with wounded heart,
open our hearts to love.

POSTLUDE: Introduction and Toccata in G major
William Walond

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