

Glebe-St. James United Church

Worldwide Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

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Gathered by God

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

“Malvern Revisited”

Welcome

Ruth Burnett-Cole

In the name of the Holy Mystery,
who is Wholly Love,
we welcome you to Creator's House.
Thanks be to God!

Good morning and welcome, everyone, to our worship service at Glebe-St. James United Church in Ottawa on Sunday, October 4th.

My name is Ruth Burnett-Cole and I'm one of the congregation's Licensed Lay Worship Leaders.

We're so glad you're here today. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a longtime member, whether you are joining us in person or online, you are welcome and we hope you feel at home.

We are an Affirming Community of Faith in the United Church of Canada - a place of faith, love and community. We are committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment where people of all ages, backgrounds, and identities feel loved and supported.

This means you are welcome here just as you are: no explanations, no needing to change yourself. **You** are welcome here – with all the complexities of who you are and where you've been. **You** are a beloved child of God and we thank you for joining us today.

Announcements

Lunch & Learn with Tom Sherwood – is happening today at noon, following worship. Join us at 1 pm here in the Sanctuary for Tom's presentation.

Walkathon Today – Eleven years ago, Centretown Churches Social Action Committee started a small walkathon to raise much-needed funds for the Centretown Community Food Centre. Each year, the walk has grown in size and in participation to become a beloved community event. Margo Williams is our solo walker. Donations can be made online or contact Margo Williams for other ways to donate. Donations remain open until Thanksgiving.

Healing Spaghetti: A Performance for World Mental Health Day. What happens when healing feels like throwing spaghetti at a wall? On Saturday, October 10th at 2 pm, four Ottawa artists with lived experience of mental health challenges will literally throw cooked spaghetti at the exterior wall and window of High Horse Galerie & Ateliers. Healing Spaghetti is a short, participatory performance exploring the uncertainty of trying different things without knowing what will stick, for how long, or whether it will still work tomorrow. After the artists have had their turn, the public will be invited to throw spaghetti too.

Jeff Bird plays Hildegard von Bingen – Mark this concert in your calendar for October 24th. Hildegard von Bingen was one of the earliest eco-feminist writers and her music is ethereal. A friend attended an earlier performance of this concert and described it as mesmerizing. Let your friends know.

Introduction of Rev. Paul Dillman

Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole

Last week we introduced Rev. Paul Dillman, our new Minister of Compassionate Care. This role, averaging up to 20 hours a month, is designed to further enhance our community's compassionate care support. Together, we will cover the compassionate care needs of GSJ.

Rev. Paul retired in May 2025 after 39 years of ordained ministry. He served in three different pastoral charges in Saskatchewan before spending 22 years at Riverside United Church, one of our sibling churches in the Cluster. Paul is married to retired minister Elizabeth Bryce, and has three adult children – Ruth, Rebekah, and Luke – all of whom live and work in Ottawa. Paul grew up in Nova

Scotia and spends his summer at the family cottage in Pugwash. Paul is learning to play bridge and regularly curls. He is also active supporting his colleagues in ministry. Paul's extension is 222 or you can reach him by e-mail at compassionatecare.gsj@gmail.com . So friends, both here and online, welcome Paul.

Land Acknowledgement

Pam Fitch

Good morning. I call us to remember and acknowledge that our church and our community is built on the traditional, unceded and un-surrendered land of the Algonquin people who stewarded this place for thousands of years. Last week we wore orange shirts in anticipation of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Today is also a special day in Indigenous remembering. October 4th marks the day that families, survivors and communities gather to remember and honour the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals. I cannot imagine the exquisite loss that a family or a community feels when one of their own goes missing or is discovered murdered. In solidarity with Indigenous communities across the country, we have hung a red dress in the sanctuary to remind us of these terrible stories. This morning I invite all of us to never forget and to hold the families of all missing and murdered Indigenous souls in our hearts and in our prayers.

Candle Lighting Our Tears, Falling Down Like Rain

TLUS 89

**Our tears, falling down like rain to the ground
will water seeds of change.
Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie, kyrie, kyrie eleison.**

Call to Worship

If you are hungry,
there is room at God's table.
If you are weary,
there is a seat saved for you.
If you dream of belonging,
then we will practice belonging here.

From north, south, east, and west,
God invites us home.
Let us worship our nourishing God.

Hymn For Everyone Born

TLUS 23

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.**

Refrain:

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of Justice,
Justice and joy!**

**For all who share life, a place at the table.
Revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
For all who share life, a system that's fair...**

**For those we neglect, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard. A part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For those we neglect, the right to belong...**

**For all who have breath, a place at the table,
A covenant shared, a welcoming space,
A rainbow of race, and gender and colour,
For all who have breath, the chalice of grace,,,**

**For you and for me, a place at the table,
Though wounded and sore, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
For you and for me, a new way to live...**

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free,,,**

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of Justice,
Justice and joy!**

Opening Prayer

Our presence here this morning is an act of commitment.

Thank you, God, for your eternal love that draws us to you and to each other.

Our openness to your word, Jesus, is an act of faith.

**Help us grow together in understanding and compassion, in mercy and love,
as part of the worldwide community of Christ.**

Our involvement in this time together is an act of worship.

Accept our praise today, the songs from our hearts and the psalms of our lives.

Amen.

Sign of Peace

Friends, one of the central tenants of World Communion Sunday is the idea that we belong to one another. We are knit together by the Spirit across state lines, over oceans, through Zoom screens, and between differences of opinions. We are knit together. What a gift that is! To celebrate this good news of belonging, we are going to pass the peace to one another.

Hymn May the Peace of God Be Your Peace

MV 222

**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.**

Listening for Wisdom

Theme Conversation “Five Loaves and Two Fishes”

Good morning, everyone!

Today is a special Sunday. It is called Worldwide Communion Sunday.

Can you say that with me?

Worldwide Communion Sunday!

“Worldwide” means **all around the world**.

Can you make a big circle with your arms?

[Children make a big circle.]

All around the world, people are gathering today
to remember Jesus and to share bread.

And our Bible story today is about sharing food.

Jesus was with a very, very big crowd of people.

Can you show me with your hands how BIG a crowd can be?

[Children stretch their arms wide.]

There were thousands of people!

But it was getting late, and everyone was hungry.

The disciples looked at all those people and said,

“Jesus, we don't have enough food. We should send everyone home.”

But Jesus said:

“You give them something to eat.”

The disciples said, “But we don't have enough!”

Then they found someone who had five loaves of bread and two fish.

Can you count with me?

One, two, three, four, five!

[Hold up five fingers.]

And now two fish.

One... two!

[Hold up two fingers.]

Five loaves and two fish doesn't sound like enough food
for thousands of people, does it?

Let's all say:

"That isn't enough!"

[Children respond.]

But Jesus took the bread and fish.

He gave thanks.

And then he said, in a way, "*Let's share what we have.*"

So the disciples began passing the food around.

Can you pretend to pass some bread to the person beside you?

[Children pretend to pass bread.]

Pass it...

and pass it...

and pass it...

And guess what?

Everyone got something to eat!

Matthew tells us that everyone ate until they were full.

And there was even food left over!

Today, when we celebrate Communion, we share bread too.

We don't all have to eat the same kind of bread.

We don't all have to speak the same language.

We don't all have to look the same.

Because God's table is big enough for everyone.

Let's make our big circle again.

[Children make a circle with their arms.]

Can you say:

"Everyone belongs at God's table."

[Children repeat.]

And there's one more thing I want you to remember.

When we have something good

—a snack, a toy, a hug, a smile—we can share.

Let's practice one more time.

Put your hands together like you're holding something.

Now hold them out.

"What I have, I can share."

[Children repeat.]

That's our little lesson today:

God gives us gifts.

We give thanks.

And we share.

Let's pray.

Dear God,

Thank you for bread.

Thank you for food.

Thank you for people all around the world.

Help us to share what we have
and remember that everyone belongs at your table.

Amen.

Hymn Little by Little (*Verses 1 and 2*)

TLUS 134

Little by little by little.

Little by little by little.

Little by little by little I know,

The tiniest seed will grow.

Watered by peace and justice,

watered by peace and justice,

watered by peace and justice:

tools to change our world.

Little by little by little.

Little by little by little.

Little by little by little I know,

The tiniest seed will grow.

Prayer for Wisdom

Nourishing God,
Open up something new in us.
Open up curiosity or hunger.
Open up attentiveness or compassion.
Open up the parts of our hearts that need your centering Word most.
And then, like yeast in bread,
may your love expand in us.
We are listening. We are hopeful. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 14:13-21

Geoff McGuire

Now when Jesus heard about the murder of John the Baptist at the hands of King Herod, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is wisdom from our ancestors in faith.

Gift of Music "For the Beauty of the Earth"

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

Reflection Worldwide Communion Sunday and the Feast of St. Francis
Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole

There are some stories in the Bible we know so well that we can almost tell them
without hearing the words.
Five loaves.
Two fish.
Five thousand people.
And somehow, everyone is fed.

It is a story about bread, certainly. But it is also a story about what happens when
we stop believing that what we have is too little.

That makes it a fitting Gospel for **Worldwide Communion Sunday**—a day when Christians around the world gather around tables and altars, sharing bread as a sign that we belong to one another.

And it is fitting that today we also celebrate the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, remembered for his love of the poor, his commitment to simplicity, and his deep reverence for creation.

Francis called the sun his brother and the moon his sister. He understood that life is not something we possess. **Life is something we share.**
And perhaps that is at the heart of today's Gospel.

Jesus has withdrawn to a quiet place because he is grieving the death of John the Baptist. He needs solitude.
But the crowds follow him.
And when Jesus sees them, he has compassion.
So he heals them. He stays with them.

And as evening approaches, the disciples come with what sounds like a perfectly reasonable solution:
“Send the crowds away.”

They are in a deserted place.
It is getting late. People need food.
But Jesus says something startling:
“You give them something to eat.”

The disciples look at what they have.
Five loaves.
Two fish.
It isn't enough.
Or at least, it doesn't look like enough.
And that is a question this story asks us as well:
What do we do when what we have doesn't seem to be enough?

We know that feeling.

We look at poverty, homelessness, war, racism, displacement, loneliness, and the climate crisis. We see needs far larger than anything one person—or one congregation—could possibly meet.

And our first instinct can be:

Send them away.

Someone else will have to deal with this.

What could we possibly do?

But Jesus says:

“You give them something to eat.”

Not because the disciples have everything they need.

They don't.

Not because they can solve every problem.

They can't.

But because they have something.

Five loaves. Two fish.

A beginning.

And Jesus takes what they have,

blesses it, breaks it, and gives it back to them.

And somehow, there is enough.

The miracle in human hands

There is something deeply Eucharistic about this story.

Jesus takes bread.

Blesses it.

Breaks it.

Gives it.

That pattern is at the heart of Communion.

But notice where the bread goes.

It goes into the hands of the disciples.

And from their hands, it goes to the crowd.

The miracle happens through human hands.

Through sharing.

Through participation.

The disciples don't have to manufacture abundance.

They have to **offer what they have**.

That is a powerful word for the church.

We can spend a lot of time worrying about whether we have enough—enough money, enough people, enough energy, enough certainty, enough answers.

But the Gospel begins somewhere else:

What do you have?

We may not have five thousand loaves.

But we have something.

We have hands willing to serve.

We have tables around which people can gather.

We have food that can be shared.

We have time and skills.

We have voices that can speak for justice.

We have the capacity to welcome people who have been pushed aside.

We have the courage to care for creation.

And we have one another.

The question is not whether any of that is enough to fix the world.

It isn't.

The question is whether we are willing to place what we have into the hands of God and let love do something with it.

This is where St. Francis gives us another way of seeing.

Francis refused to think of creation merely as something that exists for human use.

The earth was family.

Sun and moon were kin.

Water was a gift.

The poor were not strangers to be avoided but neighbours to be embraced.

That vision challenges a culture that often teaches us to ask,

What can I get?

What can I use?

What belongs to me?

Francis invites a different question:

What have I received, and how can I share it?

Even this bread on our Communion table is more than bread.

It carries soil and sunlight, rain and seed,
farmers and pollinators, human labour and the gifts of the earth.

Nothing exists by itself.

We are fed by a web of relationships.

And Communion reminds us that we are responsible to those relationships.

Matthew tells us something else that matters:

“All ate and were filled.”

Not just the people who arrived first.

Not just the people who had something to contribute.

Not just the people who were considered important.

All.

That is a beautiful image of God's economy.

The table of God is not built around scarcity and competition.

It is built around abundance and belonging.

And on Worldwide Communion Sunday,
we remember that this table is larger than this congregation.

Christians around the world are gathering today with different languages,
cultures, music, traditions, and understandings of faith.

Some have plenty.

Some have very little.

Some worship in great cathedrals; others gather in homes or simple churches.

But wherever bread is broken and shared, there is a reminder:

We belong to one another.

And perhaps the church's task is not to decide

who is worthy of a place at God's table.

Our task is to **make God's welcome visible.**

To widen the table.

To set another place.

To notice who is hungry.
To listen to who has been excluded.
To care for the earth that feeds us.
To hear again those five words:
“You give them something to eat.”

And then comes one of my favourite details in the story.
After everyone has eaten, there are **twelve baskets of leftovers**.

The disciples began convinced that they didn't have enough.
They ended carrying abundance.
The miracle was not simply that food multiplied.
The miracle was that the disciples learned that what they had could become enough when it was offered and shared.
That may be the miracle we need today.

Not the promise that there will never be hunger.
Not the promise that we can solve every crisis.
But the promise that we don't have to face the world's hunger alone.
We have something to offer.
And when it is offered in love,
it can become part of something larger than ourselves.
So as we come to this table today, perhaps we can carry one question with us:
What is the bread I have to share?

Maybe it is food.
Maybe money.
Maybe time.
Maybe friendship.
Maybe advocacy.
Maybe forgiveness.
Maybe a willingness to listen.
Maybe care for the earth.
Maybe simply the courage to make room for someone who has been told there is no place for them.
We don't have to know whether it is enough.
We are simply invited to offer it.

Five loaves.
Two fish.
One willing community.
And a table large enough for everyone.

So let us come to the table.
Let us receive.
Let us give thanks.
Let us remember our neighbours around the world, and the earth that feeds us.
And then let us go from this place ready to share what we have.
Because the world is hungry—not only for bread, but for justice, compassion,
peace, belonging, and hope.

And Christ still says:
“You give them something to eat.”
Amen.

Responding in Thanksgiving

Hymn Spirit, Open My Heart

MV 79

Refrain:

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

- 1. God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.**
- 2. Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. R**

- 3. May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. R**

Refrain:

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

Invitation to Give

On this Worldwide Communion Sunday, we remember that the bread we share connects us with people around the world—and with the earth that provides our food. Like the disciples with their five loaves and two fish, we may wonder if what we have is enough. But Jesus invites us to offer what we have and trust that love grows when it is shared. So let us give today with generous hearts, knowing that our gifts can become food, welcome, justice, care, and hope for others.

Offering Hymn Who Will Speak A Word of Warning (*Verse 1*)

TLUS 130

**Who will speak a word of warning to a world whose wealth expands,
as the growing wealth is gathered into ever fewer hands?
Christ, you speak a word of warning for the church to know and tell:
greed is death and life is giving; hands that give receive as well.**

Offering Prayer

Generous God,
you have given us more than we can measure—
bread from the earth, water from the rivers,
love from our neighbours, and life itself.
Receive these gifts we offer today.
May they be used to feed the hungry,
welcome the stranger, care for your creation,
and strengthen communities of compassion and justice.

Like the loaves and fish,
may what we offer become more than we imagined possible.
We give with gratitude, and we give with hope. Amen.

Worldwide Communion

Call to Communion

From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.

We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions.

We come with the songs of our ancestors
and the prayers of those who came before us.

We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of
Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the
Middle East,

We come as one people, gathered in Christ.

Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.

Christ welcomes us all.

Some come singing. Some come grieving.

Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

Christ welcomes us all.

Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word.

Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us.

Culture does not divide us.

At Christ's table, there is room for all.

Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.

We come to receive. We come to remember.

We come to share. We come to be made one.

The Story

On the night before he was betrayed, Jesus took bread,
gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his friends.

He took the cup and shared it as a sign of a new covenant—
a promise of love stronger than violence,
hope stronger than despair, and life stronger than death.

Holy Spirit, breathe upon this bread and this cup
and upon all who receive them.

As Christians around the world gather today, make us mindful of one another:
of those who worship in crowded churches
and those who gather in small communities;
of those who celebrate with joyful music and dancing
and those whose worship is quiet and contemplative;
of those who have enough to eat and those who cry out for bread;
of those who worship in freedom and those who gather amid conflict,
displacement, or persecution.

Make us one in the love of Christ.
As this bread is broken and this cup is shared,
teach us that communion is more than what happens here.
Make us people who share what we have, who welcome the stranger,
who seek reconciliation, who stand with those who suffer,
and who work for the peace and flourishing of all creation.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

God of abundance,
on this Worldwide Communion Sunday,
we remember that your table stretches far beyond this congregation.
We pray for your church throughout the world—
for communities large and small,
for those who worship freely
and those who gather in places of danger or persecution.
Where there is division, bring understanding.
Where there is exclusion, open the doors wider.
Where there is weariness, renew hope.

God of abundance, hear our prayer.

And make us generous in love.

We pray for people who are hungry today—
for those who do not have enough food,
for families struggling with rising costs,
for people without secure housing,
and for all who depend upon food banks and community meals.
May our communities not simply respond to hunger
but work toward a world in which everyone has enough.

God of abundance, hear our prayer.

And make us generous in love.

We pray for people who are displaced by war, violence,
persecution, or climate change.
We remember those who have lost homes, loved ones,
and the sense of security that so many of us take for granted.
May those who are vulnerable find safety,
and may those with power choose peace over violence.

God of abundance, hear our prayer.

And make us generous in love.

On this Feast of St. Francis,
we pray for your whole creation.
For forests and fields,
for rivers and oceans,
for birds and insects,
for animals and all the living systems upon which we depend.
Forgive us for the ways we have treated creation as something to consume
rather than a community to which we belong.
Give us wisdom and courage
to live more gently upon the earth
and to protect the vulnerable communities most affected by environmental
change.

God of abundance, hear our prayer.

And make us generous in love.

We pray for those within our own circle of care—
for those who are ill,
those who are grieving,
those who are lonely,
those facing difficult decisions,
and those whose burdens are known only to you.
We pause now to name in our hearts
those for whom we pray today.

[Silence]

God of compassion,
hold these people in your loving care.
Surround them with people who will listen,
comfort, accompany, and help.

God of abundance, hear our prayer.

And make us generous in love.

And finally, loving God,
we pray for ourselves.
When we see the needs of the world
and wonder what difference we can possibly make,
remind us of Jesus' words:
“You give them something to eat.”
Give us courage to offer what we have—
our time, our resources, our gifts, our voices,
our compassion, and our love.
Take our small offerings
and use them for purposes larger than we can imagine.
Make us people who widen the table,
share the bread,
welcome the stranger,
and care for the earth.
For we are not separate from one another.

We are one human family,
one community of creation,
held together by your love.
We offer all these prayers
in the name of Jesus,
who taught us to pray:

Prayer of Jesus

**Our Mother and 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Sharing the Meal

The bread and cup are shared.
The bread of life, given for all.
We receive with gratitude.
The cup of blessing, shared for all.
We receive with gratitude.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of every nation and generation,
gather us into the great company of your people—
those who have gone before us, those who worship beside us,
and those we may never meet in this life.

Until the day when every people and every nation
are gathered into your eternal feast, keep us faithful to one another and to you.
Send us from this table as people of Christ's peace.
One body. One Spirit. One Lord. One faith. One hope. One table. Amen.

Sent by the Spirit

Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

VU 220

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear:
brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**
- 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
how all you needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?**
- 3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriend us.**
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly with praise we adore him.**

Sending Forth

God of bread and blessing,
you have gathered us around your table
and reminded us that we belong to one another.

Now send us out.

Send us to share what we have,
to notice who is hungry,
to make room for those who have been excluded,
and to care for the earth that feeds us.

Following the example of St. Francis,
may we see all creation as kin
and treat every living thing with reverence and care.
And when we wonder if what we can do is enough,
remind us of Jesus' words:
"You give them something to eat."

May we go in peace,
ready to share the gifts we have received.

Sung Amen

VU 968

Music for the Journey

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

End of Worship | Beginning of Service

Welcome to Glebe-St. James United Church.
Thank you for joining with us for our morning worship.

Please join us in Fraser Hall, following the service
for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Musical Acknowledgements

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This week's prelude, "Malvern Revisited." Is by Colin Hand (1929-2015), a British composer, church musician, and early music researcher. Malvern is in Worcestershire, England.

The postlude, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," is an energetic arrangement by Joel Raney of the traditional hymn tune BEECHER.

Communion: In commemoration of worldwide communion, the instruments providing prayerful focus during communion are the Tibetan singing bowl and the Mahayana Buddhist wooden fish.

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