

Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge
Sunday, October 5, 2025
Season of Creation 5 – World Communion
Kilbride 9:30 a.m., Carlisle 11:00 a.m.

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*Those who wish to do so are invited to stand for the Hymns and the Sending Forth/Benediction.
Likewise, those who wish to do so are invited to respond aloud where indicated by **bold print**.*

Welcome & Acknowledgement of the Land:

We welcome all God's people – whatever you believe or do not believe, whatever you have done or left undone, whoever you are and whomever you love – because we are the church of Jesus Christ and Jesus taught us to "Love God and Love One Another" without exception.

As we worship God, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of

- (Kilbride: the Huron-Wendat, Petun, Seneca, Neutral, Anishinaabe, and most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation)
- (Carlisle: the Neutral, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation),

who continue to cry out for justice. As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and work to right the wrongs of the past and present.

The Life and Work of the Church

New Hymn Practice: (see communion insert)

Then Let Us Sing! 23 – For Everyone Born

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One candle, one faith, one centre for our faith.

The light of Christ is in our midst.

Gathering

Centring Music: VU 411 – O God We Call (x2)

Words & Music: Linnea Good 1994

Sarah Gingrich sings Linnea Good's 1994 hymn, accompanied by Rev. Tyler Gingrich on keyboard and percussion. Tyler is the pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Winnipeg.

1075 O God, We Call - All Creation Sings

O God we call, O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.

Call to Worship:

*Written by Rev. Taisaku OBATA (Minister, Ube Church, United Church of Christ in Japan);
Translated by Mr. David McIntosh (Overseas Liaison, United Church of Christ in Japan)*

In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.

What do we find at today's table?

God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

What is not at today's table?

The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all who believe.

Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.

Prayer of Approach:

God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows,
God of golden daffodils and glowing autumn leaves,
God of all the blues of sunlit seas,
God of all the shades of green in bush and field,
in rivers and oceans and lakes,
in rough stones on a beach and polished jewels in a showcase,
God of people, brown and amber, pink and ebony,
artistic and athletic, practical and visionary,
compassionate and laughter-bringing,
God who colours us a world of variety,
we thank you that you have made each of us unique,
that you call us to contribute our special colours to the life around us.
We come to you in thanksgiving and worship. Amen. (*Aotearoa / New Zealand*)

Hymn: VU 603 – In Loving Partnership We Come

Words & Music: Jim Strathdee 1982

Members of the music team at Peninsula United Church in Surrey, BC, lead the online community in song: singers John Leighton, Rev. Bruce McAndless-Davis, and Ashley McConnell accompanied by pianist Angela Chu.

[In Loving Partnership We Come - VU603](#)

- 1 In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.
- 2 We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.
- 3 Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.
- 4 In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

Prayer for Illumination

Readings from Our Christian Tradition

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Faith the size of a mustard seed

17:5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

17:6 The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

17:7 "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?

17:8 Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?

17:9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

17:10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Response: May God bless to our understanding this reading from our Holy Scripture.

Reflection

Hymn: VU 503 – When Seed Falls on Good Soil

Words: Norman P. Olsen 1976; Music: Frederick F. Jackisch 1976

The virtual choir of St James the Great Episcopal Church in Newport Beach, California, sings these lyrics by Norman Olsen (b. 1932), a Lutheran pastor who served six parishes in Minnesota. While serving at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, he wrote this hymn for a Lenten series centred on the parable of the Sower.

When seed falls on good soil (Hymn 503, Voices United; sung by the St. James Virtual Choir)

- 1 When seed falls on good soil,
 it's born through quiet toil;
 where soil receives, the earth conceives
 the blade, the stem, the fruit, the leaves.
 Good soil, O mother earth,
 the womb, where seed takes birth.
- 2 God's Word in Christ is seed;
 good soil its urgent need;
 for it must find in humankind
 the fertile soil in heart and mind.
 Good soil! A human field!
 A hundredfold to yield.
- 3 Plough up the trodden way,
 and clear the stone away;
 tear out the weed, and sow the seed.
 Prepare our hearts your Word to heed,
 that we good soil may be.
 Begin, O God, with me!

Offering Prayer:

We ask you to bless what we offer, O God, as part of the body of Christ. May our generosity cause ripples of joy-filled laughter and hope to spread. Through these gifts gratefully given, may your blessing become our dance of delight as we share our gifts. Amen.

Offertory: MV 191 – What Can I Do?

I invite you to sing along with the enthusiastic musicians of Golden Ears United as they perform Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy's offertory, arranged by Alan Whitmore in 2005.

MV 191 What Can I do

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Prayers of the People for This Day:

Singing into Prayer: VU 411 – O God We Call (x2)

Words & Music: Linnea Good 1994

[1075 O God, We Call - All Creation Sings](#)

O God we call, O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.

Thank you, Jesus, for the opportunity to remember you
in the ordinary things of our lives.

When we eat our daily bread, rice, tortilla, or potato,
we remember how you shared what you had with your friends,
breaking yourself open.

When we drink from the fruits of our harvest,
we are reminded of how you continually bless us
with your teachings;
our chipped and well-used cups overflow.

Thank you, Jesus.

(Prayer concerns with silences)

Amen.

Hymn: Then Let Us Sing! 23 – For Everyone Born (see insert)

*This inclusive invitation to Communion was written by the late New Zealand hymnist Shirley Erena Murray in 1998 and is performed by The Beyond the Walls Choir in Toronto. Although several tunes have been composed for it, this 2006 version – published in the new UCC hymnal *Then Let Us Sing!* (2025) – is by Brian Mann. For Everyone Born - CCS 285 - The Beyond the Walls Choir (2023)*

Service of the Table (see insert)

Hymn: VU 481 – Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Words: Omer Westendorf 1964, alt.; Music: Welsh folk tune

These lyrics were written by Omer Westendorf (1916-1997) who, according to Hymnary.com, was one of the early lyricists for Roman Catholic liturgical music in English. His best-known texts include "Where Charity and Love Prevail," "Gift of Finest Wheat," and this hymn, set to the Welsh tune ASH GROVE. Fiddler Liz Faiella performs this traditional tune, which dates from at least the early 1800s, accompanied by Dan Faiella on guitar.

[THE ASH GROVE ✨ Traditional Welsh folk tune](#)

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

Benediction:

May the God of Life
be your guide on the road every day,
be your refuge in times of uncertainty,
and be your rest in times of fatigue.
May the God of Life
strengthen you when you feel weak,
comfort you when you feel sad,
and hug you when you feel alone.
May the God of Life,
who loves you and knows you,
cover you with the tenderness of a Mother.
Forever.
Amen. (*Argentina*)

Sung Sending Forth: VU 964 – Go Now in Peace

Words & Music: Hinshaw Music 1976

Children and adult musicians from Highland United Methodist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, prepared this virtual benediction during the pandemic, singing Natalie Sleeth's hymn in a three-part round.

[Go Now in Peace - Highland UMC](#)

Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere
you may go.

Online Postlude: Harvest Home

A hornpipe is an English, Scottish, or Irish folk dance/tune dating from the 16th century onward. "Harvest Home" is a well-known and oft-performed traditional Irish hornpipe and is named for the feast in celebration of finishing – or bringing home – the harvest. Liz Faiella (fiddle) and Dan Faiella (guitar) perform this tune, perfect for this time of year!

HARVEST HOME ✨ Traditional hornpipe

Credits

Call to Worship – written by Rev. Taisaku OBATA (Minister, Ube Church, United Church of Christ in Japan), translated by Mr. David McIntosh (Overseas Liaison, United Church of Christ in Japan), found at <https://www.globalministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2025-World-Communion-Sunday.pdf>

Prayer of the People (section of prayer thanking Jesus) – a prayer suitable for World Communion Sunday from Parables, Prayers, and Promises: Daily Devotions on Jesus (UCPH, 2016)

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- Offering Prayer, written by Gord Dunbar, p. 42