

Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge
Kilbride United Church
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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Greeting:

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

We begin this time of worship by acknowledging that we are meeting on the land of the Huron-Wendat, Petun, Seneca, Neutral, Anishinaabe, and most recently the 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
(Announcements and Celebrations)

Lighting the Christ Candle

Centring Quiet:

(Let us quiet our minds and centre our hearts in God's presence.)

Centring Music: VU 283 – God Is the One (repeat)

Words & Music: Colin Gibson 1978

Pianist Robert Aszmies provides an instrumental track for New Zealand hymnist Colin Gibson's 1978 hymn, whose tune is known as GODPOINT. Gibson is a retired university English professor, lay preacher, choral director, organist, and music editor.

[God Is the One Whom We Seek Together #283 Voices United Church of Canada Colin Gibson](#)

God is the One whom we seek together,
God is the Life which is part of us all;

God is the Truth and the mark of mystery,
God is the Love and the Joy that makes us whole.

Call to Worship:

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us to worship.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us by love.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
**calling us by name,
calling us to grow in faith,
calling us to be made new.**

We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.

Opening Prayer:

Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts,
waiting to be filled:

with a sense of your presence;

with the touch of your spirit;

with new energy for service.

Come to us, we pray.

Be with us. Touch us.

Empower us as your people,

that we might worship you,

and act in the world for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Hymn: MV 81 – Love Us into Fullness

Words & Music: Daniel Charles Damon 2002

The choir and congregation of Mountainside United perform this hymn by San Francisco jazz pianist, hymnist, and United Methodist Elder Dan Damon (b. 1955). Today Mountainside United, whose origins stretch back to before Confederation, is the result of the amalgamation of several churches of various denominations over many years, and its congregation gathers at the Birks Heritage Chapel on McGill campus.

MV 81 - Love Us into Fullness

- 1 Love us into fullness,
touch us with your grace;
Jesus, in your mercy,
draw us to your face.
- 2 Love us into fullness,
hold us in your care;
cheer us with your presence
here and everywhere.

3 Love us into fullness,
and we will be strong;
Jesus, walk beside us,
fill our hearts with song.

[Optional] Theme Conversation

Prayer for Illumination

Readings from Our Christian Tradition

Psalm 133:

How good it is to live in unity

133:1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

133:2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Gospel: Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed

15:10 Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:

15:11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."

15:12 Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"

15:13 He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

15:14 Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."

15:15 But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."

15:16 Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding?

15:17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer?

15:18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

15:19 For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

15:20 These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

15:21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

15:22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

15:23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

15:24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

15:25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

15:26 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."
15:27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."
15:28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Response:

The Word of God spoken among us.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Hymn: VU 701 – What Does the Lord Require of You? (sing each verse 2x)

Words & Music: Jim Strathdee 1986

Jim Strathdee's hymn is led by vocalists Jay Esplana, Lindsay Warnock, and Jason Nickel, accompanied by other worship band members at Canadian Memorial United Church. CMUC is an Affirming community located in Vancouver, BC, on unceded territories of the Coast Salish.

[What Does the Lord Require of You | Sunday Service | Canadian Memorial United Church \(CMUC Music\)](#)

- 1 What does the Lord require of you?
 What does the Lord require of you?
- 2 Justice, kindness,
 walk humbly with your God.
- 3 To seek justice, and love kindness,
 and walk humbly with your God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory: MV 191 – What Can I Do?

Words & Music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy; arr. Alan C. Whitmore 2005

Paul Rumbolt, one of the hymn's co-composers, performs this offertory, accompanying himself on acoustic guitar.

[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.

Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People:

Sing into prayer: VU 661 (v. 3) – Come to My Heart

Words & Music: Joe Pinson 1979

The Praise Singers of Windsor Park United sing Joe Pinson's prayerful piece.

“Come to My Heart”

- 3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
 teach me to walk in your way.
 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
 answer my prayer today.
 Give me the peace and joy
 that only you can bring.
 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
 give me a song to sing.

Lord's Prayer: (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

⁹ Our Father in heaven!

 May your Name be kept holy.

¹⁰ May your Kingdom come,
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.

¹¹ Give us the food we need today.

¹² Forgive us what we have done wrong,
 as we too have forgiven those who have wronged us.

¹³ And do not lead us into hard testing,
 but keep us safe from the Evil One.

For kingship, power and glory are yours forever.

Hymn: MV 154 – Deep in Our Hearts

Words: John Oldham 1995; Music: Ron Klusmeier 1996

This hymn is frequently sung not only by United Church of Canada congregations but also at ecumenical and interfaith gatherings. Its poet, John Oldham, served for many years as a United Church minister in Manitoba and Ontario. Ron Klusmeier's setting of Oldham's lyrics is performed by the Bells Corners United Church music team.

BCUC: Deep in Our Hearts - lyric video

- 1 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
 deep in our hearts there is a common song;
 deep in our hearts there is a common story,
 telling Creation that we are one.
- 2 Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
 deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
 deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
 justice and peace in harmony.

- 3 Deep in our hearts, there is a common longing;
 deep in our hearts, there is a common theme;
 deep in our hearts, there is a common current,
 flowing to freedom like a stream.
- 4 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
 deep in our hearts there is a common song;
 deep in our hearts there is a common story,
 telling Creation that we are one.

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: *Navarra* Op. 33 by Pablo de Sarasate

It is easy to take musical inspiration from Psalm 133:1 when it comes to selecting a postlude! Here is a beautiful duet that demonstrates the close connection between musicians: accompanied by piano Orion Weiss, violinists Paul Huang and Danbi Um perform *Navarra* Op. 33 by Spanish virtuoso violinist, composer, and conductor Pablo de Sarasate (1844-1908). Sarasate composed more than 50 works, all of which include the violin; in Op. 33, he paid tribute to his birthplace of Pamplona, Navarre.

[Sarasate Navarra Op.33 \(Paul Huang, Danbi Um, Orion Weiss\) - YouTube](#)