

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: VU 410 – This Day God Gives Me

Words: attrib. St. Patrick, adapt. James Quinn 1969; Music: Gaelic melody, harm. Alec Wynton 1982

Lifelong Catholic liturgical musician and choir director Chris Brunelle performs lyrics attributed to St Patrick, the 5th-century bishop and patron saint of Ireland whose feast day, March 17, we still celebrate today. You will recognize the Gaelic melody from VU 409, "Morning Has Broken."

[This Day God Gives Me \(BUNESSAN\) James Quinn](#)

- 1 This day God gives me strength of high heaven,
 sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,
 flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,
 deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.
- 2 This day God sends me strength to sustain me,
 might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
 Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
 your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.

- 3 God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven, drive from me always
all that would harm me, stand by me still.
- 4 Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
King of creation, giver of rest,
firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

[Optional] Theme Conversation

Prayer for Illumination

Readings from Our Christian Tradition

Epistle: Romans 12:1-8 *One body in Christ, with gifts that differ*

12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.

12:2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

12:4 For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function,

12:5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

12:6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;

12:7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;

12:8 the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20 *The profession of Peter's faith*

16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

16:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

16:17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

16:20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Response:

The Word of God spoken among us.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Hymn: MV 18 – Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary (sing several times)

Words & Music: John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs 1982

What a wonderfully engaging a cappella family recording! "Sanctuary" was co-composed by American songwriters, musicians, and music producers John W. Thompson (b. 1950) and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953). Thompson is associated with gospel, country, pop, and contemporary Christian music, while Scruggs has won four Grammys for country music and was named "Musician of the Year" at the Country Music Association Awards three times.

[Lord Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary - Sam & Easter](#)

Lord, prepare me
to be a sanctuary
pure and holy
tried and true;
with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living
sanctuary,
for you.

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

Musicians of Golden Ears United give an energetic performance of Rumbolt and McCarthy's offertory.

[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.

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 late Betty Fox, whose YouTube channel "Betty Fox NL" posts worship material for Dunville Grace United in Newfoundland, shares this lovely vocal duet accompanied by guitar. I believe music leader Yvonne Milley performs the layered tracks.

["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: VU 510 – We Have This Ministry

Words & Music: Jim Strathdee 1979

Adrian Marchuk performs his own arrangement of this hymn for Windermere United in Toronto, which merged with Runnymede United in 2023. Marchuk is a tenor soloist, voice teacher, and producer who has performed both in the church and on the stage in music theatre productions. I recommend turning up the volume on your device, as the recording is a little on the soft side.

[We Have This Ministry \(VU 510\)](#)

- 1 We have this ministry
 and we are not discouraged;
 it is by God's own power
 that we may live and serve.
 Openly we share God's word,
 speaking truth as we believe,

praying that the shadowed world
may healing light receive.
We have this ministry,
O God, receive our living.

- 2 O Christ, the tree of life,
our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower
when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,
called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts,
the young and old a place.
We have this ministry,
O God, receive our giving.
- 3 The yoke of Christ is ours,
the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross,
the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve,
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,
we die and rise again.
We have this ministry,
O God, receive our loving.

Commissioning and Benediction

Online Postlude: All the Ends of the Earth

I came across this 1981 hymn of praise when looking at liturgical musician Chris Brunelle's YouTube channel this week. It is based on Psalm 98 ("Sing to the Lord a new song...") and was composed by Jesuit Father Bob Dufford (b. 1943). As a young Jesuit novice and seminarian in the early 1970s, he and a group of his peers began collaborating on new worship compositions for the St Louis University chapel in response to the Second Vatican Council's program of renewal within the Catholic Church. This group of composers became known as the St Louis Jesuits, and their music often showcased acoustic guitars, contemporary-style melodies and rhythms, and the use of the vernacular.

[All The Ends Of The Earth by Bob Dufford, SJ](#)