

October 5, 2025



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Teddy Bear Sunday



Gathering Music

"As The Deer Pants for the Water" (VU # 766)

Welcome

Light the Christ Candle



Churches around the world light a candle symbolising Christ in their midst. There is a unity in ritual and in the experience of the light of the candle. We are reminded that in all situations, Christ brings light and hope. Amen.



Announcements

Happy
BIRTHDAY





Prelude *“In The Quiet Curve of Evening”* (VU # 278)

Call to Worship

We remember the faith of our ancestors who built this congregation, the faith of those who gather here today who sustain it, and the faith of siblings in faith around the world who encourage us. O God, as young and old, we come at Christ's invitation.

As siblings in Christ, we come. From varied contexts and life situations, we come. From the corners of the Earth, we come. We come to the table at Christ's invitation. We come to worship, to pay attention to and to live out the Good News.

We come to worship you, our God ! We come joining
at the Table with our siblings in Christ around the
world.

Alleluia ! Amen !



Hymn VU # 480

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

1 Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.



2 Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain **When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.**

3 Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees. ***R***

Opening Prayer and Confession

The table of Holy Communion is ready. We bring our personal needs and hopes before God.

We bring before you, O God, those thoughts and feelings we find so difficult to put into words.

(silent reflection)

The Table of Holy Communion is ready. We bring before God those we know who worship in different ways and in different denominations.

We bring before you, O God, our joys and our concerns for them.

(silent reflection)

The Table of Holy Communion is ready. We bring before God our thanks for the many gifts in Creation we enjoy.

We bring before you, O God, our anxiety for the delicate climatic balance of this world that is our human home.

(silent reflection)

The Table of Holy Communion is ready. We remember Jesus Christ whose table this is, His life, His death, and His striving to bring God's Kingdom closer.

We bring before you, O God, our willingness to define and work for that just and compassionate Kingdom.

Words of Assurance

God who accepts us, will empower us, God who loves us will inspire us. God who knows us will forgive us and bring us peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

YH: Brothers & Sisters, ... This is the table of Jesus Christ who invites us all to this feast that can change our lives.

God be with you all.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Lynda: Though Creation sometimes weeps, we wait lovingly for you, God. For you created the heavens..... You could sustain all of your Creation, but you will not, without us. Thank-you for the wonders of Creation and for your great trust in us. Though humanity sometimes weeps, we wait lovingly for you, God. For you smiled ...You could have made us self-sustaining, but you did not, your love sustains us.

Thank you for the worldwide fellowship of disciples, who faithfully attempt to share your love with all of Creation. With whom we join to proclaim...

**Holy, holy, holy God, Power of life and love !
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory !
Hosanna through the ages !
Blest is the One who comes
to bring your justice to the Earth !**

Lynda: We gather these prayers - in the war zones around the world, those whose human rights and freedoms are violated daily, the lush lands, now fields that can no longer be harvested, the livestock unattended, and the destruction of Creation caused by the wars or natural disaster. God of Creation, we ask for your divine intervention and peace to prevail in these areas. We pray for those people who are in need and those people who are ill. Into the silence, we pray...

(Silent Prayer)

Lynda: God of Comfort, we ask for your healing touch and your tender care.

Now we sing together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer VU # 960

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

YH: In Jesus, love incarnate,to respond to the cries of Creation. The bread of life, nourishes our deprived bodies. The cup of blessings, revives our thirsty souls. The gathered community, strengthens our growing faith. Thus together we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.



YH: On the last night he spent with his friends, Jesus took an age-old tradition of his people and transformed it into something new.

He took bread, staple food of his land, blessed and broke it, and gave it to those around him saying,
“Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.
Whenever you do this, remember me.”

After supper he took a cup of wine, the common drink of his people, and gave it to them, saying,
“Drink this, all of you, this is the new covenant in my blood.
Each time you do this, remember me.”

YH: O covenant God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here, that we and these gifts, empowered by your Spirit, may become signs of Shalom to one another and to all peoples of the Earth. And now, come to the table, for all is ready. These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

The bread of life.

The cup of blessings.

Prayer After Communion

Life-giving God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Saviour's presence in the simplicity and splendour of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by the life of Christ that we may faithfully proclaim the Good News of your love and that your Church may be a sign of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.



Outreach Ministry: Teddy Bears for the Children of the World Linda M and Elizabeth

Presented *by Wanda and Vida*

Time with the Young People
by Diane

Children Song

“B-I-B-L-E”

(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)

The Scriptures

read by Lynne

First Reading

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the Gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life - not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and Grace. This Grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.

That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you - guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Second Reading **Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith !" He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you".

"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat' ? Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink' ? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do ? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
We give thanks for inspiration.



Message



by Rev. Yun-Hee

1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me !

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2

'Twas Grace that taught my
heart to fear,
and Grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that Grace
appear
the hour I first believed.



3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis Grace that brought me safe thus far,
and Grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 **When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

We Offer Our Gifts

Musical Offering VU # 540

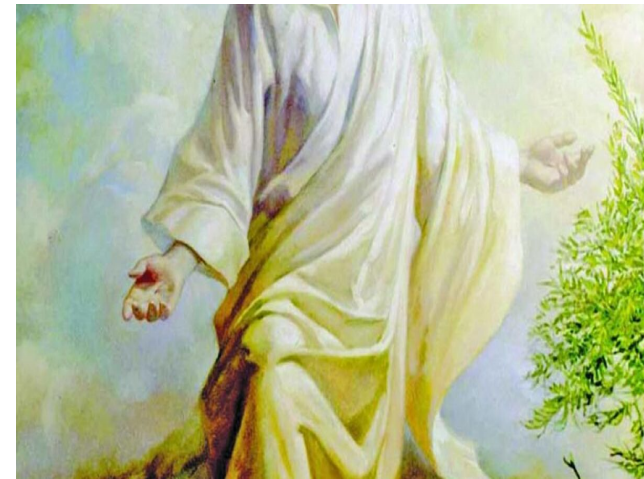
**Grant us, God, the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**



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.**

1 All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside ?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide ?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.



All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see !

3

All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love !

Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.

When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way !'



Blessing

Do not fear. The Spirit of Life is with you. The Spirit gathers all peoples, from all directions. Each one is created for God's glory.

We are formed and made to be Christ for each other as part of the Body of Christ. Let us go out to be our part of the Body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Commissioning “Go Now in Peace”

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there within, around, above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.*



**God, We thank for being with us ←
Thank you for worshipping together today and
for participating in the Service ←**

Thank you for your music Murray ←

**Special thank you,
all dedicated people
for making all these
Teddy Bears ←**

*(adapted from the United Church of
Canada's Resources, 'Gathering' and
liturgy of communion by Alysia Smith)*



{ A short devotional Time }

When we're committed to living for Christ instead of for ourselves, the Holy Spirit changes our perspective, character, priorities, and ways of interacting with others (2 Cor 5:15 – 17). Our new life in Jesus is intended to represent Him while we point others to Him, “as though God were making His appeal through us” (v. 20).

Empowered by the Spirit, we're given the joy and responsibility of representing Christ wherever we go.

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