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Sunday, October 4 2015, 10:00am
Theme: First in Caring
World Wide Communion & Baptism

† indicates stand as you are able

Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices

VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING VISITORS (Leader)

†GREETING ONE ANOTHER (Please feel free to move around)

SPIRIT LINES (Announcements)

CHRIST CANDLE, TONE BOWL, & SILENCE

INTROIT: *This Is the Day* (on-screen)

MV#122

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Responsive*)

L: Today, in this moment, in every moment, we are offered life.

P: **Now it is before us – God's call to a new world,**

L: to God's way of knowing the world,

P: **to God's world of knowing.**

L: Let us, now, once more, take our first steps together with God as our guide.

P: **Welcome to the adventure!**

OPENING PRAYER: (*Unison*)

God, hope is ever with us, love is ever present, the truth that we are all the children of God is all around us. And yet we so often live our days as if none of this is true, as if we had no hope. Forgive us and remind us today of who we are, who you are, and of where we live,

**and grant us the courage to live each day to our full potential.
Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Youth Choir~ Jubilate, Sing to God~ by
Dave & Jean Perry*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please see insert

†HYMN: *I Have Called You by Your Name (on-screen)* **MV#261**

(Children and Youth are invited to join with their leaders at one
of the entrances to the Sanctuary)

Open Minds

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:30-37

*(a paraphrase from Lectionary Story Bible: Year B by Ralph Milton.
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Scripture Reader: Corinne Smith

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,
Many: thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE: “*Squabbling for Jesus*”

Open Hands

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS (*Leader*)

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Tithes, Offerings, & Prayers.
(*Please print clearly and place your Prayer Slips in the Prayer Baskets.*)

†OFFERTORY: *All Is Done for the Glory (on-screen)* **MV#34**

†OFFERTORY PRAYER (*Unison*, on-screen)

**As endless as the sky is your love for us, O God. Endless, too, is our
love for you. Receive these gifts, offered as tools to help us and
others – through our church – to do your work in the world. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER: *Be Still and Know* (on-screen)

MV#77

PASTORAL PRAYERS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir*

~ *Come Taste the Goodness of the Lord~* by Martin

Open Hearts to Each Other and the World

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION: *Please see insert*

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

†HYMN: *Draw the Circle Wide* (on-screen)

MV#145

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Bob, Rev. Tracy, Barbara Tetzlaff, The Adult Choir, The Youth Choir, Corinne Smith, Kristin Raugust, Don Mills, Sheila Campbell, Karen Kotkas, Sherrill Knight, Roger Anderson, Andrew Taylor-Kerr, Bobby Fillier, Mark Wagner, Jan Mingo, Nancy Rehder, Ariana Miller, Sharon & Rachel Jones.



The Sacrament of



Holy Communion

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

ONE: Heaven declares God's glory.

ALL: The sky proclaims God's handiwork.

ONE: Without speech or words or even voice

ALL: still the sound fills all the universe with this proclamation:

ONE: Our Creator is good and loving.

ALL: Our Creator is indeed good and loving!

ONE: And so we gather to celebrate the goodness of God,
who has made the world and all that is in it.

From the beginning, God set forth patterns
that remind us of God's care at every turning:
night becomes day,
trees grow tall and birds soar,
fish swim and dolphins play,
kangaroos and elk fill the forests.

Day after day, we hear the call of God
to care for this amazing Earth
and its wondrous creatures.

Sometimes we care;
too often, we do not.

Caught up in our own concerns
we are sometimes careless with what God
has entrusted to us,
and we – as well as other parts of our creation – groan.
Yet God's love continues to nurture and sustain.
In the midst of our ignorance,
still Christ comes to us and offers
a word of promise,
a reminder that God's love is greater
than all our failures and shortcomings.
And so we give thanks:

**ALL: Holy God! Wondrous God!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Glory! Praise!**

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of our God.
Hosanna! Glory! Praise!**

ONE: We remember how Jesus,
beloved child of God,
even in the face of betrayal, torture, and death,
still gathered with closest friends
and shared the Passover meal with them.
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God,
broke it, and passed it around the table.
“Take this and eat it,” Jesus said,
“and remember me.”

ALL: We remember you.

ONE: After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine
and offered thanks to God.
“Take this and drink from it,” Jesus said,
“and remember me.”

ALL: We remember you.

ONE: As you invited us to be your guests,
so now do we invite you to remain close to us
in this meal and always.

When we are afraid,
may the memory of this table sustain us.

When we are uncertain,
may the memory of this table ground us in your love.

When we feel unworthy,
may the memory of this table remind us that we are created in your
image.

When we feel cut off from the world and those around us.
may the memory of this table remind us
that we are never alone. And so, we gather together sharing the words
that so many have learned before us, Our Father...AMEN.

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER (Unison)

May the actions of communion re-member us with one another and with you, O God. May these simple reminders of our interconnectedness enable us to live out our full Christian potential with open hands, open hearts, and open minds. Amen.

*The Sacrament of
Holy Baptism*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Introduction

Following the tradition of Jesus who welcomed children into his community, we celebrate the presence of children within this community of faith and offer to children the sacrament of baptism.

As we invite Kari and Mike to come forward to celebrate the sacrament of baptism, we acknowledge the religious traditions they bring with them. Finding a path between the tradition of infant baptism and the personal profession of faith at confirmation in The United Church of Canada tradition, affords a unique opportunity to identify the particular faith being expressed here this day.

Questions of the Parents/Family

Do you desire to have your child baptized into this Christian community?

Will you encourage your child to learn from the wisdom of the prophets; doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with her God?

Will you foster for your child an appreciation for the life and teachings of Jesus?

Will you teach your child to honour the faith questions that belong to her throughout her life?

Will you journey with your child to discover the wonder of God's love made manifest here this day and to be part of a faith community?

Congregational Assent

Jesus calls us to welcome children into the full life of our community, opening our table and hearts to those most vulnerable, offering the wisdom of the ages to all who hunger for truth.

The gospels testify that all people are invited to accept God, the God who has already accepted us. We only need to accept that we are accepted.

All: So, we, the members of God's beloved community, proclaim that same witness. Gwyneth, the same God who has claimed every

person as a beloved child, also proclaims that you are a beloved child.

As a community, do you vow to support them in their promises?

All: We do, with the help of God. We also promise to walk with Gwyneth on her spiritual journey. On this holy adventure with God, we will celebrate our beloved kinship, live out God's vision for the world, and embody God's Kin-dom.

Baptismal Prayer

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation made known to us in water and word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life. In the time of Moses, your people of Israel passed through the Red Sea from slavery into freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the Promised Land. You have come to us through water in the stories of Jesus who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb, baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, and became living water to a Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and sent them forth to baptize with water and spirit. Bless, by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. Bless all who touch and taste this water that they may be ever reminded of your abiding presence and claim on their lives. Amen.

Baptism

One: Gwyneth Aileen, we baptize you in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who reveals the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The God of new life, new hope, and new creation. The God of love, justice, and mutuality shown to us in Jesus, and the Spirit of God who is in your past, present, and future. Amen!

All: Gwyneth Aileen, you are a beloved child of God, with whom God is well pleased. Amen!