

United Communities of Faith



May 26th, 2019

7pm

Cochrane Street United Church

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

HYMN SING

***INTROIT: And On This Path**

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
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Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide! **2X**

***LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Jenelle Duval, First Light**

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

Let our hospitality towards each other reflect God's love.
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC MV # 18: Lord Prepare Me

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

The God who breathed this world alive and sustains it day by day,
whose hands flung stars into space

says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

The God who filled the ocean depths and set tides on their way,
who caused mountains to be raised up and rainbows to display

says, "I have called you by name, you are mine."

The God who made the fertile earth and seed within to sow,
whose artistry creates butterflies and the early morning dew

says, "You are precious in my sight."

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Holy God,
Your love flows like a stream
into the ocean of your Grace.
Your love encircles this world,
displays your faithfulness.
Your love is patient and kind,
brings wholeness and true peace.
Your love is all we desire
to heal our brokenness.
As all things pass and fade away
love remains eternally. Amen

***HYMN # MV 1: Let Us Build a House**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Chorus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Chorus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Chorus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Chorus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Chorus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Love has its source in you, Creator God.
Flows from you like an ocean,
into a world as unyielding as any shoreline cliff.
And like the ocean which batters, erodes,
and wears away even the hardest stone
Your love persists, finds cracks and inlets,
in hardened hearts,
flows inside and works a miracle.
Who would think that water was more
powerful than granite,
love mightier than the hardest heart?
Thank you, Creator God,
for the power of your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God's love is sure and steadfast,
always providing a way out,
a way through, a way back to God.
We are a forgiven people.
Thanks be to God. Amen

LEARNING TOGETHER: Teaching on the Drum
Jenelle Duval, First Light

***HYMN # MV 145: Draw the Circle Wide**

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;

nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **Chorus**

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **Chorus**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **Chorus**

OFFERING INVITATION

Offerings received will go towards Burry Heights Summer Camp

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY & PRAYER

***OFFERTORY HYMN # MV 182: Grateful**

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God,
reveal your presence to us this day.
Send your Spirit upon us
that we might listen, discern, and take heart.
Be near us this day
and may your Word with us stay
and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: COLLOSIAINS 3:12-17

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Angeline Ansty

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 17:11-19

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Brenda Andrews

ANTHEM: *I'll Fly Away*, by Joel Raney

SERMON: "Giving Thanks" David Armour

***HYMN VU # 578: As a Fire is Meant for Burning**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done on earth as it is 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.

***HYMN VU # 651: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Holy God, Dreamer of dreams,
We offer our churches to you. We are your people, this is your church. We come to you seeking your guidance, your purpose, your vision. Align our will with yours, so that we will be willing to do whatever it takes to carry out your plan. We ask you to break through in new ways in our church. Show us the great ministry you have in store for us. Help us dream your dreams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, giving us the vision, boldness, and confidence to do all that you call us to do. Amen.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION VU # 884: You Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;

there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands!
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE

*Following the service everyone is invited to the hall
for fellowship and refreshments*

DAVID ARMOUR BIOGRAPHY

As Director of Philanthropy of the United Church of Canada and as President of the United Church of Canada Foundation, David's role is to lift up the theology and practice of stewardship as integral to living out God's Mission throughout the Church.

This includes providing support and leadership to all aspects of stewardship and giving programs in all courts of the church including the Foundation.

David began his work life with juveniles in trouble with the law in Hamilton and he brings strong charitable experience from many previous roles, including the former CEO of United Way of Canada, Canadian Olympic Foundation and Canadian Medical Foundation, board member of Food Banks of Canada and past Chair of the board of the Pembina Institute in Alberta.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beer and Hymns: The next Beer and Hymns is June 10th at Bridie Molloy's at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend and sing a hymn!!