

**Online Joint Worship for the Mid Fraser Cluster of the
United Churches of Canada
August 9th, 2020**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Words of Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Announcements
from Each Congregation**

**Thank you for Connecting for Worship
Today's Leadership included**
Preacher: The Rev. Tracy Fairfield
Presiding: The Rev. Bill Booth
The Rev Tim Bowman
Musician – Donna Poncelet
Song Leader & Soloist: Deborah Handley

Lighting the Christ Candle for Each Congregation

People are invited to share their prayers in the chat during the worship service.

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation: **Bill**

Leader: Sisters, Brothers in these pandemic times, as in all time, we must lean into God's Presence. With the power of Holy Spirit, we stand firm in our faith and hope. With the peace and wisdom of Christ, we face the storms with courage. In trust and hope we acknowledge that all things are in the heart of our Creator.

All: We come to worship to be reminded again that we are not alone, we live in God's world.

Leader

God of raging seas and roaring winds, God of creative forces, of viruses and bacteria, of growing tree and alpine meadows we come to You in worship, with song, and prayer and hearts open to your love. We are yours. Amen.

All: Amen

Hymn: "Over My Head" MV 88

Chorus) Over my head, I hear music in the air.

**Over my head, I hear music in the air. Over my head, I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.**

Leader: When the storms of life are ragin'

All: I hear music in the air. X 3

There must be a God somewhere. Chorus)

Leader: When I'm feeling all alone

All: I hear music in the air X 3

There must be a God somewhere. Chorus)

Leader: When the winds of strife are blowin'

All: I hear music in the air X 3

There must be a God somewhere.

Learning With Our Children: **Tim**

Song: 'I Am a Child of God' MV 157 vs 1 & 5

I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.

I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation,

I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

³⁷Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."

²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering:

Sermon: Tracy

Hymn: “I Feel the Winds of God” VU 625

*I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown;
lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.*

WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND ACTION

Prayer of Grace Tracy

Gracious Holy God, Your presence in times of fear and stress is a rock and foundation for our whole being. You are all for us. We know this in our thoughts, we can express our faith in You yet in humility we must confess, that we live our lives seeking others sources of comfort. We make gods out of worldly trends and powers. We worship the broken ways of this troubled world. We live in a hurting world; A world living in fear of decease and in the shadow of injustice and hate. Touch our hearts with your loving presence and remind us to lean into You. For You are our hope and our love. In Jesus name we pray,

Silent prayer

Words of Assurance Tracy

Leader: Come, all you who are thirsty. If you take the first step, if you are willing to plunge once again into the waters and to emerge into new life, you will receive a love beyond all you can envision.

All: We turn our hearts to God, and by grace our hungers are satisfied, our thirsts are quenched; through Christ we are made whole; by the Spirit we are led forth as God's people. Amen.

Sung Response: “Listen to Your Children Praying.” VU 400

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love send us power, send us grace!*

Prayers of the World Tim

Prayers of the People: From Chat shared prayers. Tim

Holy God, you hear our words; you hear our hearts. We are known and heard deeply, graciously, constantly. Confident in this grace, we sing together the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer [Sung] VU 960

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed 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 them that 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

Acknowledging Our Gifts for the Work of God: Tim

Prayer of Dedication: Tim

These are the gifts of God, given for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn: “Great is Thy Faithfulness VU 288”

*Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

***Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!***

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Chorus:***

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. **Chorus:***

Commissioning and Benediction: Bill

Sung Response: “Go on your way in Joy”

Go on your way in joy, my friends, Go on your way in joy my friends.

Go on your way in joy my friends.

Let your left foot say “Glory” and your right say “Amen” X 2

Postlude

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