

Online Joint Worship for the Mid Fraser Cluster of the  
United Churches of Canada  
August 30<sup>th</sup>, 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. Bill Booth  
Presiding: The Rev. Tim Bowman  
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Musician – Donna Poncelet  
Song Leaders: Ron Schaufert and Earl Colpitts

Lighting the Christ Candle for Each Congregation **Bill**

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

Call to Worship: **Tim**

Wherever you may be,  
set down your phone and your papers and your cleaning supplies.  
Set down your anger and your anxiety and your sadness and distraction.  
Wherever you may be, come into your heart.  
Come into the space we share;  
come into a simple time  
where only one thing is necessary:  
the presence of God and the love of God.

Prayer of Invocation: **Tim**

We are here, God;  
**you are here, God.**  
**Call us to gather; call us to witness; call us to share.**  
**Call us together and send us out,**  
**engaged in the simple yet important task**  
**of being your children.**  
**Wherever we are, you are here.**  
**Thank you.**  
**Amen.**

Hymn: **MV 1 – “Let Us Build a House”**

Learning With Our Children: **Bill**

**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:

#### **Romans 12:9-18**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

#### **Matthew 16:21-28**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Musical Offering: Ron Schaufert and Earl Colpitts

Sermon: "Let's Keep it Real" **Bill**

Hymn: VU 563 - "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

## WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND ACTION

Prayers for the World and the Grace of God: **Bill**

Sung Response: MV 85 – "Take, O Take Me As I Am"  
*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (3x)*

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

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed. Tim

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Statement of Purpose Tim

Hear this record of Jesus' radical concern  
for welcoming children:

People were bringing little children to Jesus  
in order that he might bless them;  
and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,  
"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them;  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive  
the kingdom of God like a little child will not enter it.”  
And Jesus took them up in his arms,  
laid his hands on them, and blessed them.  
*Mark 10:13-16*

Presentation of Candidates **Tim**

On behalf of the congregation of *Trinity Memorial United Church*,  
I present the following person for initiation into the body of Christ through  
baptism: Margaret Ellie Wright

Profession of Faith and Promises **Bill**

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

*I do, by the grace of God.*

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

*I will, God being my helper.*

Will you share your faith with *name* growing with her in faith, hope, and love?

*I will, God being my helper.*

Congregational Commitment: **Bill**

Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

**As a baptized and baptizing people, we commit ourselves to  
support and uphold you within the community of faith.  
May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.  
Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water: **Bill**

Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life,  
and, within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise your Spirit  
hovered at creation. By water, comes the growth of the earth. Through  
water, you led the children of Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan  
your Child Jesus was baptized. Now may your Spirit be upon us and what  
we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose  
name we pray.

**Amen.**

The Act of Baptism and Marking with the Sign of the Cross **Bill**

Presentation of Certificate and Candle **Bill**

Acknowledging Our Gifts for the Work of God: **Tim**

Whoever we are, we are God's.

Whatever we have, is God's.

**Whatever we have,  
Whatever we are,  
we give to God.**

Prayer of Dedication: **Tim**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## Hymn: "Community of Christ" [Tune: "Leoni"]

Commissioning and Benediction: Tim

In the name of the Creator, Spirit, and Only Begotten,  
go in peace to be who you really are,  
to do what you were gifted to do.

Fulfill your destiny as  
the beloved child of God you are.

May God bless you and sustain you  
Always.

**Amen.**

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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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