

**Online Joint Worship for the Mid Fraser Cluster of the  
United Church of Canada  
All Saints Day  
Nov 1st, 2020**

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

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

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

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

**Lighting the Christ Candle for Each Congregation**

We light this Christ candle knowing that Christ's love shines, like a beacon for those of us who are troubled, who are anxious, who are unsure, welcoming us into the presence of our God, who loves us into fullness.

**Call to Worship: **Tim****

Blessed People of God it is time for us to worship our Loving Creator.

Those who grieve come find your solace.

Those who suffer come find your ease

Those who are burdened in anyway, come find your hope.

We worship in hope and love.

**All: Blessed be the God of all.**

**Sung Response: "Open Our Hearts" MV 21**

*Open our hearts, open our minds. Open our lives to you, O loving God.*

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*Open our hearts.*

**Opening Prayer: **Tim.****

Loving God indeed we cry to You that our hearts may be open to know your love. Send your Spirit to us in this time of worship. Bind us together from our many homes so that in our isolation we are still one people united by a common need for your grace and blessing in our lives. We open up our whole selves to your presence. In the name of the living Christ who shows us the way to You. Amen

**Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" MV 145**

***Chorus: 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: 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.***

*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**

**Learning With Our Children: Saints and Baptism. **Bill****

### **Service of Baptism**

Affirmation of Faith

The New Creed

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:**

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

On behalf of the congregations of Gladwin Heights *and St. Andrew's United Church,*  
I present the following person for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism:

Zoë Katherine Hiebert Bowman - daughter of Timothy Bowman & Jennifer Hiebert. **Deborah**

Profession of Faith and Promises

To the parents and God Parents

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 Zoë growing with her in faith, hope, and love?  
**I will, God being my helper.**

To the Godparents: Dana Osbourne and Eleanor Rogers  
Will you support, encourage, and help these parents as they seek to fulfill these commitments to this child and to God.  
**I will, God being my helper.**

To Zoë Today you are being baptized. This is as important moment as it means you are saying that you want to be member of Jesus' family.

Will you love our friend Jesus? And will you try to love others as Jesus has taught us to do?  
Zoë I will with Jesus as my teacher.

Congregational Commitment

Let us pledge to Zoë and her parents 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.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water**

One: 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

Zoë, beloved child of God, may you be blessed by the Holy One, and always know that God is with you your whole life long. **Tracy**

Presentation of Certificate and Candle. **Deborah**

### **Sung Blessing. - May God Who Creates You. VU 454**

May God who creates you give you light;  
may God who sustains you make you wise;  
may God who protects you give you joy,  
may God who surrounds you give you peace.

*We invite the children and their leaders into breakout rooms.*

### **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

#### **Scripture Readings:**

1 John 3:1-3

<sup>3</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5:1-12

5When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** "Everything Because of Love" **Tracy**

**Hymn:** "Blest Are They" VU 896

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.*

***R) Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.***

*Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. R)*

*Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God. R)*

*Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. R)*

*Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. R)*

## **WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND ACTION**

Acknowledging the Saints of our lives.

**Prayer of Acknowledgement: Bill**

Loving Holy Mother Father God. We are your offspring, descendent through the promise and humbly claiming we live our lives as if this is not a miracle of your love. We deny the sacredness of the life you have placed in each of us.

On this particular day, on this All Saints' Day, we remember:  
those whom have gone before,  
those whom we loved,  
those whom we struggled to love,  
those who were beloved children of your creation.

All were created holy, and transformed by your love as they came into your presence  
And in this moment united by your Spirit we name the saints in our lives:

(At home or wherever you are in this moment you are invited to name aloud your beloved saints)

Hear our prayers God of all.

**All: Blessed are they.**

**Blessed are we.**

**Blessed are you, O. Loving Holy Mother Father God. Amen.**

**Sung Assurance:** "Don't Be Afraid" MV 90 2x

*Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear.*

*Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised, promised to be always near*

**Prayers of the People and all the World Tim**

**Prayers shared from the chat Bill**

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**

**Blessing of Prayer Shawl**

**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: "For All the Saints" VU 705**

*For all the saints, who from their labours rest, all who by faith  
before the world confessed, your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:  
you were their captain in the well-fought fight; you, in the  
darkness drear, their one true light.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one within your great design.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day the saints  
triumphant rise in bright array:  
as God to glory calls them all away.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

**Commissioning and Benediction Bill**

**Sung Response:** “O, When the Saints Go Marching In.”

O when the saints go marching in  
O when the saints go marching in  
O I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in

**O when the band begins to play**  
**O when the band begins to play**

O I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in  
**O when the kids begin to dance**  
**O when the kids begin to dance**  
O I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in

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Postlude

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