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Wednesday, October 7th

Lunchtime Worship

St. John’s acknowledges that the Church buildings , and all living in Victoria, are on the ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people .

**Gathering to worship**

Let us worship the Divine : Creator, Word and Spirit

*All* **Amen**

 God is with you

*All* **And also with you.**

 This is the day that the Divine has made

*All* **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Opening Prayer**

*All* **Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.**

**Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth**

Amen
Blessed is the Creator

*All* **for God has heard the voice of our prayer;**

**Psalm 121,1-8**

1. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
2. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
6. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

A poem

The trees are in their autumn beauty,
The woodland paths are dry,
Under the October twilight the water
Mirrors a still sky;
Upon the brimming water among the stones
Are nine-and-fifty swans.
The nineteenth autumn has come upon me
Since I first made my count;
I saw, before I had well finished,
All suddenly mount
And scatter wheeling in great broken rings
Upon their clamorous wings...
But now they drift on the still water,
Mysterious, beautiful;
Among what rushes will they build,
By what lake's edge or pool
Delight men's eyes when I awake some day
To find they have flown away?"

William Butler Yates

With the whole church

*All* **We affirm that we are made in the image of the Divine ,**

**Befriended by Christ,**

**Empowered by the Spirit**

With people everywhere

*All* **We affirm God’s goodness at the heart of humanity**

**Planted more deeply than all that is wrong**

With all creation

*All* **We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;**

**The unfolding purposes of God, forever at work**

**In ourselves and the world**

Iona Abbey Worship Book

Let us pray

Loving God,

 **Grant that we may walk in your presence:your love in our hearts,your truth in our minds,your strength in our wills;until, at the end of our daily journey,we know the joy of our homecomingand the welcome of our family’s embrace,through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

 ***All*: Amen. New Zeeland Prayer book**

Let us keep in our hearts all those affected by Covid19 and let us pray for a time when, together, we can live without fear and anxiety. Wrap those that are suffering physically and mentally in our prayers. With our love, give them the strength to recover and find peace.

Gracious God,

*All* **accept these prayers**

In the name of our brother, Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen**.

The Disciples’ Prayer

*All*

***Our mother, who is in heaven and within us,***

***We call upon your names.***

***Your wisdom come. Your will be done***

**In all the spaces in which you dwell.**

**Give us each day sustenance and perseverance.**

**Remind us of our limits as we give grace to the limits of others.**

**Separate us from the temptation of empire,**

**But deliver us into community.**

**For you are the dwelling place within us**

**The empowerment around us**

**And the celebration among us**

**Now and for ever.**

Broadview United Church

**Going out to serve God**

Let us bless our Loving God

*All* thanks be to God.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve .
All Thanks be to God. Amen.

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