

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

July 2, 2023

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

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Gathering Music:

* ***Hymn:*** Come Let Us Sing VU222

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Come, let us sing to the Lord our song:

we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low;
let your praises endlessly flow.

Lighting of Christ Candle: Acolyte:

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Christ, the light in the world;
Christ, the light in our homes;
Christ, the light in our hearts;
Christ, the light.

Sung Response: Holy, Holy, Holy - Voices United #315

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Welcome & Centering for Worship:

Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Good Morning! I welcome you this morning,

Please join us in the Main Hall after the service for coffee, refreshments and conversation.
announcements...Electronic Sign, nametags, recycled stuff for Camp Awesome,

Friends, I now invite you to centre yourselves in the company of this faith family and in the presence of the
Spirit, as we gather for worship.

Call to Gather: (Responsively)

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Children, go where I send you!

Who are you that we should listen?

I Am Who I Am.

Who are you that we should go?

I am the God of your Mothers and Fathers,
The God of your Grandmothers and of your Grandfathers.
I Am who I Am.

Where should we go?

To set my people free!

Where should we go?

To the places where my people are bound!

Where should we go?

Go to the world.

Alone?

Never! I am with you - always, and all ways!

Prayer of Approach: (Unison)

(Gail Corbett, Gathering Pentecost 1 2013. Used with permission.)

Encircle us.

Embrace us, God.

Visit us in small spaces.

Slash summertime epiphanies on our paths.

Grace us to see them.

Music-maker God, sing through our forests, splash in our rivers, dance in our fields.

You are here. We are here.

Encircle us with your love. Amen.

Special Music: Sacred Drummers

Time for the Young at Heart

The Prayer of Jesus / The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kin-dom 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 those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kin-dom, the power and the glory,

Forever and ever, Amen.

***Song: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet** VU 245

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord In the field and forest,
praise the Lord In the city square,
praise the Lord Anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord On a week-day morning,
praise the Lord On a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord By the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord In the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord In the dark of night,
praise the Lord In the rain or snow
Or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord In the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord In the time of joy,
praise the Lord Every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord In the deepest valley,
praise the Lord On the highest hill,
praise the Lord Never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord In the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord In your work or play,
praise the Lord Everywhere in every way!

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)

Reader: Angela Starchuk

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Open our eyes;

Open our ears;

Open our hearts;

Open our whole selves.

Open us to you and your word for us this day. amen.

The Scripture Reading: Exodus 2: 1- 10 NRSV (Updated Version)

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?”

⁸ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

**May all I say and all I think be in harmony with thee,
Creator within me, Creator beyond me, maker of the trees.
Thanks be to God!**

(Chinook Prayer, Pacific North West Coast, North America)

Ministry of Music: Sacred Drummers

Sermon: “A Sister’s Empowering Love”

Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Prayers of the People: Rev. Lorrie

Musical Offering:

Invitation to Offer:

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Throughout the biblical story we meet people who said, “yes,” to God. May our offering today be part of the “Yes” to the call to give in response to the blessings we have received.

You will find the offering plates on the narthex table. There are many additional ways you can financially support the work of the church – through PAR, by dropping into the office or by e-transfer. Thank you for your continued love and support of Bells Corners United Church.

****Offertory Hymn: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow – VU #541***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures, high and low;

Give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.

****Offertory Prayer: (Unison)***

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Holy Spirit,

We give thanks for all the blessings that have come our way.

We give thanks for blessings poured out and for the love that we have received.

May these gifts be a blessing for many and a love offering for all.

Amen.

***Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be** VU506

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1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love,
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

***Sending Forth:**

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Go. Live the dream.

Serve your Lord.

Answer God's call.

Be blessed forevermore. Amen.

Sung Blessing: Like A Rock - More Voices #92

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.

Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.

Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before.

Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

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