

**BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH**

**August 20, 2023**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Brian Copeland**

**(Theme/title)**

*\* The live service will be broadcasted and recorded on YouTube, check your email for the link.*

**Gathering Music:**

*\* Hymn: VU 222 Come, Let Us Sing*

**Lighting of Christ Candle:** Acolyte: David Stafford

**Sung Response: Where Two or Three are Gathered – More Voices 14**

Where two or three are gathered in my name

I am there, I am there.

*(Repeat...)*

**Welcome & Centering for Worship:** Rev. Brian Copeland

Good Morning! I welcome you this morning, friends, family and visitors, ...Please join us in the Main Hall after the service for coffee, refreshments and conversation.

Announcements highlights...

**Call to Gather: (Responsively) One: God calls us to a reunion**

**All: to a time of reconciliation**

**One: with all that is past**

**All: so that we may live in the future with hope!**

**One: Friends, come let us worship together.**

**Prayer of Approach: (Unison) God of love, we bring our sorrow and our joys, we bring our tears and our laughter, to offer into your care, that we may be transformed in this time, trusting that you work in us and others by your Spirit, to bring a new day to our life and to our world, In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**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/Children's Hymn: VU 579 The Church Is Wherever God's  
People**

***Prayer for Illumination:* (Unison) God of wisdom, may these words which tell  
the stark story of relationships, lead us to examine again our relations with  
each other and with you. Amen. Reader:**

***The Scripture Reading: Genesis 45: 1 - 15***

**(May we find wisdom in the ancient stories of our faith.  
Amen.)**

***Ministry of Music:***

***Sermon:* 'There Will Be Tears'**

***Hymn: VU 678 For the Healing of the Nations***

***Prayers of the People:***

***Musical Offering:***

***Invitation to Offer:***

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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) Creator, for the tastes of the season: lettuce and  
green beans from the garden, raspberries and ice tea and all the joys of  
summer, for all that makes our hearts sing with thanksgiving, we offer to your**

**and pray that you would use these gifts to care for others, in Jesus' name.**

**Amen**

**\*Hymn:** VU 602 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**\*Sending Forth:**

***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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***Departing Music:***