

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

Father's Day - June 18, 2023 – 10 am

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Victor Lujetic

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

Gathering Music:

**indicates stand as able*

*** Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers - Voices United #580**

1. Faith of our fathers living still
In spite of dungeons, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to you till death.
2. Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
Your work for Christ is love revealed,
Spreading God's word from pole to pole,
Until the world is made anew.
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
We will be true to you till death.
3. Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
Who still must bear oppression's might,
Raising on high, in prisons dark,
The cross of Christ still burning bright.
Faith for today, O living faith,
We will be true to you till death.
4. Faith born of God, O call us yet;
Bind us with all who follow you,
Sharing the struggle of your cross
Until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
We will be true to you till death. *R*

Lighting of Christ Candle:

Acolyte: Ellen Boynton

(Fern Gibbard, Gathering Pentecost 1 2017. Used with permission)

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. Dr. Victor Lujetic

Good Morning! Please join us in the Main Hall after the service for coffee, refreshments and conversation.
announcements... 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) (Tori Mullin, Gathering Pentecost 1 2023. Used with permission.)

Welcome

We come together in this place to worship God.

Welcome

We bring our insecurities with us.

Welcome

We bring our pain to share

Welcome

We bring our joy, our hope.

Welcome

We are all welcome in this place to worship God.

Prayer of Approach: (Unison) (Stephen Ernst, Gathering Pentecost 1 2019. Used with permission.)

**Precious and loving God, Parent, Creator,
Through the love and care of your son, Jesus Christ,
Be with us as we go about our lives, day by day.
Bless all fathers,
New fathers, old fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers,
co-fathers, uncles, brothers, and godfathers.
Be with fathers among us and the fathers we hold in our hearts and memories.
Bless and hold those for whom the word *father* evokes painful, disturbing feelings
and memories.
Carry us all in your loving-kindness, we pray, This day and always,
In the name of our loving Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*** Special Music: ?**

Time for the Young at Heart

The Prayer of Jesus / The Lord's Prayer (in song!)
**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: Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands – Voices United #570

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
Healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
Washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.
2. Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,
Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison) Reader: Denis Watson

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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: Proverbs 4:1-5 **Parental Advice**

⁴ Listen, children, to a father's instruction,
and be attentive, that you may gain insight,
² for I give you good precepts:
do not forsake my teaching.
³ When I was a son with my father,
tender and my mother's favorite,
⁴ he taught me and said to me,
"Let your heart hold fast my words;
keep my commandments and live.
⁵ Get wisdom; get insight: do not forget nor turn away
from the words of my mouth.

May these words renew us and give us assurance of hope in this time and in this place. **Thanks be to God!**

Ministry of Music: Here Am I, Send Me – Purifoy
Strings: Leslie Wade, Daniel Parker & Sarah Parker

BCUC Choir

Sermon: "Your Father's Good Advice" Rev. Dr. Victor Lujetic

Prayers of the People:

Musical Offering: On the Jericho Road – McCrossan arr. McDonald BCUC Choir

Invitation to Offer: (David Lander, Gathering Pentecost 1 2016. Used with permission.)

A father gave his daughter a globe of the world; she found it mesmerizing. They chatted about its oceans and continents, its mountains and peoples, its poles and even its stars. When it was bedtime and the father picked up the globe and began to leave, the daughter asked, "What are you going to do with my world?" Well, what are we going to do with God's world, the world we pass on to our children? It's that passion that brings us here, that sends us forth, and inspires us now to give. We give our offering.

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 – Voices United #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)*** (Susan Ivany, Gathering Pentecost 1 2016. Used with permission)

Generous God,

You call us by name and remind us of our belovedness.

In gratefulness and praise, we bring these gifts and pray that they may be a blessing.

We do not give so that we will be loved by you; we give because we are loved by you.

Blessed be your name. Amen.

* **Hymn: God Made from One Blood – Voices United #554** (*alt tune St. Denio: 223, 264, 660*)

1. God made from one blood all the families of the earth,
The circles of nurture that raise us from birth,
Companions who join us to walk through each stage
Of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.
2. We turn to you, God, our thanks and our tears
For all of the families we've known through the years,
The intimate networks on which we depend
Of parents and partners and children and friends.
3. Through families we tasted the value of trust
And felt what it means to be loving and just,
Yet families have also betrayed their best goals,
Mistreating their members and bruising their souls.
4. Help families in all of their various forms
To face with integrity troubles and storms;
Grant peace in our homes that will nurture the bud
Of peace for the families you made from one blood.

***Sending Forth and Blessing:** (Susan Ivany, Gathering Pentecost 1 2023. Used with permission.)

Friends, go from here knowing you are loved.
Go from here knowing that amidst of all of life's uncertainties,
God's love for you is constant and unchanging **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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