

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022 – 10 am

***Indicates stand as able**

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

The audio recording of the live service should be available by phone Monday afternoon at 613- 820-8104

Announcement Slides

Gathering Music:

***Opening Hymn: We Are One - Voices United #402**

1- We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek we are found,
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet together in this place.

2- We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed,
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

3- We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign,
in the bread and the wine,
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed,
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.

4- We are one as we hear,
as we hear heart and hand unite,
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

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Lighting of Christ Candle: Acolyte: Mandy Crow

We light this Christ candle to remind us of the light of truth.
May this light enflame our hearts with God's grace;
keep us in the radiance of Christ's presence;
and fill our hearts with the Spirit of hope.

Welcome & Centering for Worship: Rev. Kim Vidal

Good morning! I welcome and greet you in the name of Jesus Christ in our worship today on this 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. A warm welcome to all who are visiting us today for the first time. Join us for fellowship & coffee after the service in the main hall.

Highlight some announcements.

Friends, in the quiet of this moment, in the stillness of our hearts, I now invite you to centre yourself in the presence of God to remind ourselves that we are called to love and serve others. Let us gather in worship.

Call to Gather: (Responsively) Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Come from your busy lives into this house of prayer.

May we reflect our oneness in God.

Come away from your worries and preoccupations.

May we yield to Love's divine grace.

Gathered as one in the wisdom of God,

let us worship the Spirit of Christ,

in whom we are pleased to dwell.

Opening Prayer: (In unison)

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O God, gather us in this place of worship.

Gather us in your strong presence.

Gather us with song and scripture.

Gather us young and old.

As your church family,

we gather with thankfulness, eager to be renewed,

Here in this place, our worship will rise. Amen.

CGS Music: God loves you, God loves me! – McNeil

director : Erin Berard

Time for the Young at Heart: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

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.

Hymn: Make A Joyful Noise Voices United #820

Refrain:

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

2. Enter these gates thanks giving.

Enter these courts with praise.

Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy name. Worship your God with a song! R

1. Know that your God has made you.

Know it's to God we belong.

And come to this place with joyfulness and praise. Worship your God with a song! R

3. Ages through endless ages,

Seasons of endless years,

The love of our Maker ever shall endure.

Worship your God with a song! R

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Prayer for Illumination: (Unison) Reader: Bernice Miller

(Barbara Zimmerman, Pentecost 2, 2013, Year C. Used with Permission)

God of many surprises, you seek and embrace us with your welcoming grace. As we ponder on your life-giving Word, help us to affirm your presence in our lives. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 21: 5-19 (NRSV)

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.” ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to all of us.

We listen and we respond with action.

Ministry of Music: With Every Breath - Medema

BCUC Choir

Sermon: “Endurance is a Good Word!” Rev. Kim Vidal

Moment of Reflection

Prayers of the People: Rev. Kim Vidal

God of “almost winter” mornings, we long to be filled with a vision of renewal that even as the earth settles into a time of rest, it still dreams of change and rebirth. May this time of worship be a time to contemplate endurance, envision possibilities and rejuvenate a weary spirit. Even as we travel further into longer nights and shorter days, may we remember that your light continues to shine, even when we don't see it.

Wise and passionate God, may the stories of faith that Jesus taught us, though sometimes difficult to understand, be heard, felt and remembered in ways that continue to inspire us to

follow and make anew pathways for us. Help us to share your dream as we continue to envision our future.

God of vision, challenge us to see the possibilities beyond the way things are. Remind our community leaders, both political and religious, to listen to your wisdom, to be responsive to the needs of people today and be forward thinking even in the face of hardships and difficult endings. Give us the strength to share ourselves with the people we meet, the desire to be Christ to the world and the wisdom to discern your will for us.

God of transforming hope, today we ask that you hold in your loving embrace those who are grieving, distressed or feeling hopeless, that they may be lifted and find hope. We pray for all who are seeking your healing touch. In your dream for the world, we ask that those who are suffering be given hope for a better life. We pray for those who are challenged by lack of resources; for those who have no shelter; for those who suffer from mental or physical illness; for those whose human rights are denied; for refugees who have had to flee from their homes; for those affected by earthquakes and fires. Surround them with your love and may they be provided with tools of hope to lead to positive changes in their lives. We pause at this time to remember in silence and in our hearts, others for whom we are concerned.

God of love and life, be with us today and in the days to come. These we pray in the name of Jesus, our great teacher. Amen.

Musical Offering: Just a Closer Walk with Thee – arr. Lojeski BCUC Choir

Invitation to Offer: Rev. Kim Vidal

We have all been given gifts, each one unique to God's vision of what we can do in the world. These gifts have been entrusted to us to further the building of God's kin-dom. Our time of offering is one opportunity to share our gifts of time, talents and resources.

We are not passing the offering plates this morning as we continue to follow health protocols, but you will find those plates on the table in the narthex. There are many additional ways you can financially support the work of the church – through PAR, by dropping into the office or using the mail slot by the kitchen door, or by e-transfer. Thank you for your continued love and support of Bells Corners United Church.

****Offertory Hymn: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands (v1) - Voices United #537***

Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

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

**Receive our gifts, loving God which we offer in hope and in love.
Bless and multiply these gifts we pray, so that they may be used
in doing your will in the world. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Though Ancient Walls - Voices United #691

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| 1 Though ancient walls may still stand
proud and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act! | 3 The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
for self and world made new. R |
| <i>Refrain:</i> | |
| Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty! | 4 The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name! R |
| 2 When vested power stands firm
entrenched and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack. R | 5 This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery! R |

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***Sending Forth: (Responsively)**

Rev. Kim Vidal

People of God, may the love that brought you into being,

fill us with hope.

May the peace that passes all understanding,

fill us with life.

May the joy that lives where justice is,

be alive in us! Amen.

***Sung Blessing – Let There be Peace on Earth (Miller/Jackson)**

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we

Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me