

**BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH**  
**October 23, 2022 – 10 am     20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**STEWARDSHIP 2 / Celebration of Baptism**

Theme: “Celebrate our Call to Serve / Give thanks for our Family Ministry”

\*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: How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place - More Voices #29**

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for you.  
For here my heart is satisfied within your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

*Refrain:*     Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,  
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere. (2x)  
Than thousands elsewhere.

2. One thing I ask and I would seek:  
To see your beauty,  
To find you in the place your glory dwells. (2x)     *Refrain*

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**\*Opening Hymn: Come In, Come In and Sit Down - Voices United #395**

*Refrain:*

Come in come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.

1 You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain,  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family. R

2 God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace,  
for we are a part of the family. R

3 There's life to be shared  
in the bread and the wine,  
we are the branches Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or  
mine, but we are a part of the family. R

4 There's rest for the weary and health  
for us all, there's a yoke that is easy,  
and a burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the  
call, for we are a part of the family. R

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**Welcome: Rev. Kim Vidal**

Good morning! I welcome and greet you in the name of Jesus Christ on this Second Sunday of Stewardship focusing on Family Ministry and how we celebrate our call to serve. Your continued contributions and participation in the life and ministry of BCUC are very much appreciated. Today we are happy to welcome the families of Jillian and Eric Roloff as we celebrate the baptism of their child, Lawrence Alfred Chuchryk Roloff. Join us for fellowship & coffee after the service in the main hall. *(Highlight some announcements)*

**Family Ministry Moment: Erin Berard**

**Centering for Worship: Rev. Kim**

Friends, at the font and at the table, in the church and in the world, in our tears and in our laughter, we meet Christ. Let us come as faithful people, centering ourselves in God's love as we worship together.

**Lighting of Christ Candle: Peck-Jones Family**

Sometimes, the world can seem a bit dark.  
Conflicts, worries, and suffering seem to cloud our vision.  
And so, today, as we do,  
whenever we gather as a family of faith,  
we light this candle to remind us  
of the presence of Jesus,  
the light that never dims.  
May this light kindle hope and joy in each of us  
- enough to light the world.

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

*(Susan Lukey, Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021 Year B, Used with permission.)*

To be a church family is a blessing.  
**To encourage and care for one another is a joy.**  
To work for the common good of all people  
**and all creation is our calling.**  
Come, let us worship as the body of Christ.  
**We come as followers of the Way of Jesus,**  
as those inspired by the Spirit of God,  
**To worship, sing, and pray.**

**Opening Prayer: (In unison) (Based on A Song of Faith)**

*(Phil Hobbs, Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, Year B. Used with permission.)*

**In worship this morning,  
Kind, Compassionate, and Present God,  
we sing of a church with purpose:  
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,  
gifts shared for the good of all.  
We are a community of broken but hopeful believers,**

yet, we would love as you first loved us.  
We are seeking to be faithful servants of God,  
here where we live and work.  
Meet us. Heal us. Empower us. Enable us. Amen.

***Special Music: My Lighthouse***

1. In my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
in my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea,  
whoa oh, You are the peace  
in my troubled sea.

*Chorus:* My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
shining in the darkness, I will follow You!  
O-O-Oh, My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise: You will carry me  
safe to sho.....re (4x)

2. In the silence, You won't let go.  
In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea,  
whoa oh, You are the peace  
in my troubled sea.

3. I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea,  
whoa oh, You are the peace  
in my troubled sea. (chorus)

*Bridge 3x* Fire before us, You're the brightest. You will lead us through the storms

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***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.

***Celebration of Baptism: Lawrence Alfred Chuchryk Roloff***

Parents: Jillian & Eric Roloff  
Brother of Bennett & Peter Roloff  
Godparents: Sibel & Cory Chuchryk

**\*Children's Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name – More Voices #161**

1 I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

2 I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

3 I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

4 I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

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**Prayer for Illumination: (Unison) Reader: Will Wightman**

**Open our hearts to the mystery of your word, Holy God. Open our spirits to its meaning for our lives. Be with us as we listen for and receive your word today. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 18: 9-14 (The Message)** The Story of the Tax Man and the Pharisee

<sup>9-12</sup> He told his next story to some who were complacently pleased with themselves over their moral performance and looked down their noses at the common people: "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax man. The Pharisee posed and prayed like this: 'Oh, God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, crooks, adulterers, or, heaven forbid, like this tax man. I fast twice a week and tithe on all my income.'

<sup>13</sup> "Meanwhile the tax man, slumped in the shadows, his face in his hands, not daring to look up, said, 'God, give mercy. Forgive me, a sinner.'"

<sup>14</sup> Jesus commented, "This tax man, not the other, went home made right with God. If you walk around with your nose in the air, you're going to end up flat on your face, but if you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself."

Hear what the gracious God is saying to all of us.

**We listen and we respond with action.**

**Ministry of Music: I Am a Small Part of the World – Albrecht/Althouse Grace Notes +**

**Sermon: “When Score-Keeping Doesn’t Work!”      Rev. Kim Vidal**

*Moment of Reflection*

**Prayers of the People:      Rev. Kim Vidal**

Let us gather our hearts in prayer:

We come here, O God of love, with heartfelt prayers so we may experience your presence. We have felt inadequate at times, without the courage to pray because of some failure or criticism that bogged us down. We give thanks for the help of good friends, the support of our family, the love of a community who journey with us day by day. With humility and gratitude, empower and inspire us to be your hands, your feet and your heart to the world. With commitment to goodness, we are able to make incredible things happen. Let us experience your wisdom in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak justly from the wisdom of our hearts.

In this journey called life, may we offer words of encouragement to those overcome with illness and grief and those who face diverse challenges in life. May we touch them with your healing spirit – to embrace them in your gentle love. We also give thanks for the baptism of Lawrence. May you bless him and his family and this congregation as we nurture them in your love.

Through our lives, may we speak to the hearts of those whom we encounter day by day. May we be God’s light to shine on those who are fearful; for those who experience conflict, prejudice, hatred, persecution, and poverty.

As we pledge our time, our talents and our treasures to the visions of this congregation, we are reminded that no amount given is too outrageous or too small; for surely our dreams and visions for this faith community and beyond are made possible by our faith in the One who lavishly gives and blesses in return.

Now, startle us, Spirit of Life, with your truth and open us to serve. All these we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Musical Offering: Abe***

**Invitation to Offer:      Rev. Kim Vidal**

I now invite you to offer your gifts of time, talents and resources as expressions of your gratitude to God’s blessings. 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)**

**Creator God, for the talents and gifts delightfully given to us,  
we bring you our offering. May we use them to spread your  
love and hope for the world. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: God of the Bible (Fresh As the Morning) - More Voices #28**

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our center, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.
3. Those without status, those who are nothing,  
you have made royal, gifted with rights,  
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,  
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. R

*Refrain (2X)*

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
suffering with us, taking our part,  
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,  
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. R
4. Not by your finger, not by your anger  
will our world order change in a day,  
but by your people, fearless and faithful,  
small paper lanterns, lighting the way. R
5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other,  
'til our world changes facing the Cross. R

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**\*Sending Forth: (Responsively) Rev. Kim Vidal** (Inspired by the prayers of Rev. Dawn Hutchings and Rev. Beth Johnson, Gathering 2016-17. Used with permission)

Friends, our service has ended. So, go now into the world to serve.

**We are the beloved children of a Creator who rejoices with us!**

Listen closely. Hear the flapping of the wings of a dove  
as the Holy Spirit alights upon you.

**We gladly receive the blessings of possibility!**

Go forth as God's justified people,

**knowing that God's love and peace will go with us.**

God sustain you in your journey. **Amen.**

**\*Sung Blessing – Go Now in Peace (Besig/Price)**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.