

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH
OUTDOOR SUNDAY – June 11, 2023 – 10 am

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

Gathering Music: A Voice is Heard, Your Love is Amazing - MV26

**indicates stand as able*

*** Hymn: Make a Joyful Noise (Psalm 100) - Voices United #820**

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| <i>Refrain</i> 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! <i>Refrain</i> |
| 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! <i>Refrain</i> | 3. Ages through endless ages
Seasons of endless years,
The love of our Maker ever shall endure
Worship your God with a song! <i>Refrain</i> |

Lighting of Christ Candle:

Acolytes:

(Gary Simpson, Gathering Pentecost 1 2023. Used with permission.)

Shine, Creator, shine! Shine, Christ, shine! Shine, Spirit, shine!
Shine on us. Warm us. Transform us.
Holy Trinity, smile through us.
Touch others with love through our actions.
Run errands that help others with our energy.
Bless others through words we share.
Shine through us, Holy Trinity. Shine through us.

Sung Response: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine (3X) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
Hide it under a bushel – No! I'm gonna let it shine (3X) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (3X) Let it shine, let it shine, Let it shine!

Welcome & Centering for Worship:

Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Good Morning! I welcome you this morning with joy! Today we are celebrating the beginning of summer with this outdoor service followed by a bbq lunch and Sunday school Picnic. This marks the end of our regular Sunday school classes - but not the end of Sunday school. We will move to a "one-room schoolhouse" model over the summer and welcome any children who are here and want to participate. Announcements: Chipembi visit and Camp Chipembi - Sponsor a child... OWECC Weekend Away Friends, I now invite you to breathe in the Spirit ... and breathe out the stresses of the week, as we centre ourselves for worship.

Call to Gather: (Responsively) (Heather Ferrier, Gathering Pentecost 1 2023. Used with permission.)

(with arms outstretched)* **We gather in the name of Jesus
(jazz hands) **to offer our praise**
(making a book with your hands) **to share stories of Jesus**
(making a bird) **and to be inspired by the Spirit**
(walking fingers on palm) **to journey in his way.**
(praying hands) **Lord bless us as we worship today. Amen.**

Prayer of Approach: (Unison) (adapted from Éric Hébert-Daly, Gathering Pentecost 1 2023. Used with permission)

**Come Holy Spirit, be present with us as we cherish the bounty of the summer:
The sweet berries, the smell of the wildflowers, the dancing shade under the tree,
The laughter shared with family and friends.
We are grateful for your creation and we ask that you open our hearts
So that we may plant the seeds of your joyful kin-dom in this world.
Amen.**

** Special Music: Jesus Put This Song into Our Hearts*

Bell Canto

Time for the Young at Heart Erin Berard

The Prayer of Jesus / The Lord's Prayer (Unison)
**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: Shake Another Hand & Jesus Loves Me (rock you version)

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison) Reader: Noah Berard (from Psalm 126:2)

As we receive your word today, Joyful and Loving God,
May our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy,
So that we may declare, "God has done great things for us." Amen.

The Reading: Psalm 33:1-12 (The Message)

33 ¹⁻³ Good people, cheer GOD!
Right-living people sound best when praising.
Use guitars to reinforce your Hallelujahs!
Play his praise on a grand piano!
Compose your own new song to him;
give him a trumpet fanfare.

⁴⁻⁵ For GOD's Word is solid to the core;
everything he makes is sound inside and out.
He loves it when everything fits,
when his world is in plumb-line true.
Earth is drenched in GOD's affectionate satisfaction.

⁶⁻⁷ The skies were made by GOD's command;
he breathed the word and the stars popped out.
He scooped Sea into his jug, put Ocean in his keg.

⁸⁻⁹ Earth-creatures, bow before GOD;
world-dwellers—down on your knees!

Here's why: he spoke and there it was,
in place the moment he said so.

¹⁰⁻¹² GOD takes the wind out of Babel pretense,
he shoots down the world's power-schemes.
GOD's plan for the world stands up,
all his designs are made to last.
Blessed is the country with GOD for God;
blessed are the people he's put in his will.

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: You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Sermon: "Choose Joy"

Prayers of the People:

Musical Offering: My Lighthouse

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

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

**My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
shining in the darkness, I will follow You!**

**Oh, my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: You will carry me
safe to shore, (4x)**

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
chorus

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

Invitation to Offer:

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: What Can I Do? - More Voices #191***

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

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

**God of Love,
With hearts full of gratitude,
We offer these gifts
that they might bring joy into the lives of others
through the ministries of this church. Amen.**

*** Hymn: Give to Us Laughter – Voices United #624**

1. Give to us laughter, O source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife.
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.
2. Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy,
let us in laughing find Christian employ,
joining with stars and with bright northern lights,
laughing and praising and sharing delights.
3. Why do we worry That we will lose face?
Why act like king for the whole human race?
Often in family, and often with friend,
laughing at pride causes anguish to end.
4. Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
laughter with tears brings most healing relief.
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,
joys of your presence among us increase.

***Sending Forth:** (Gord Dunbar, Gathering Pentecost 1 2023. Used with permission.)

May Jesus' laughter continue to bubble within us and among us
So we can love and live joyfully, without taking ourselves too seriously.
May we feel in our inner being, Jesus' mirth-filled joy
As we share the joyful love he came to share with the world. 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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After Music: Joy!