

Our Response

Reflection

Hymn "From the Slave Pens of the Delta" VU 690

Prayers of the People

Communion Hymn "Blessed are Those Who are Called to the Table"
(insert) Linnea Good

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (insert)

We Are Sent Forth

Closing Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" VU 288

Commissioning *(please remain standing if comfortable)*

**All: We have tasted God's goodness.
We have seen God's generosity and compassion.
We leave this place to live in love, to serve others,
and rejoice in this meal.
May the life-giving water of God flow over us,
pouring out God's loving blessing on each of us
and on all the Earth, now and forever.**

Congregational Response Cliff Barrows

**"May God's blessing surround you each day,
as you trust God and walk in his way.
May God's presence within
guard and keep you from sin.
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.**

The Benediction

Three Fold Amen

Postlude

Steveston United Church
Sunday October 1st, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Brenda Miller - (church) 604-277-0508

Worldwide Communion Sunday



We Gather As God's People

Welcome / Church Life Reminders & Celebrations
Congregational Prayer Requests

Special Music

Call to Worship

One: Worldwide people gather at God's table this day;

**All: fancy carved tables, rough wobbly tables,
ordinary tables; all tables worthy of God.**

One: Worldwide people approach God in worship and
communion today;

**All: fancy dressed people, barefoot shirtless people;
all people worthy of God.**

One: Worldwide people praise God:

**All: in groups of two or three, in multitudes of hundreds
squeezed together; all worthy of God.**

One: We humbly approach you, God,

All: unite us, bless us, be with us, receive us.

Let the whole world praise you, Holy God!

Opening Hymn "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" VU 245

Prayer of Approach

All: Great and Loving God,
may our worship and our praise be courageous,
bringing us face to face with the world's needs.
We are neighbours to the rich and the poor,
to those who are strong and those who are weak:
we are all of these ourselves.
Use our faith, Lord, to heal and bring hope.
May our actions as we serve, now and after this hour,
be a witness to your life in us.
Amen.

Lighting the Christ Candle

All: "Let the Light of Christ fill this space. Amen."

Sharing the Peace of Christ *(please remain seated)*

One: In God's justice is our peace,
Christ calls us to live in unity with one another;
... the peace of Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

Learning Together

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, you remember us, but sometimes we forget you.
Generous God, you give us gifts, but sometimes we don't even
notice them, never taking the time to discover
what you've given us, or give you thanks.
Honourable God, you offer us your law and commandments so
that we might live faithful and joyful lives,
but sometimes we forget your teaching,
we don't listen, or do our homework.
Ever-present God, you stand ready to hear our cries of sorrow
and grief, but sometimes we cannot even tell
you about the pain in our hearts, and so we
carry our heavy burdens alone.
Covenant God, you call us into everlasting relationship with you,
but sometimes we don't understand how to accept
such amazing generosity.

Teach us to be your compassionate and serving followers.
Forgive all our transgressions against you and others;
...yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Hear our prayer. Amen.

Words of Assurance

We Present Our Offering

Offering Invitation

Offering Refrain

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. Amen."**

Prayer of Dedication *(please remain standing if comfortable)*

All: God, our Creator,
through your love you have given us these gifts to share.
Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep
gratitude, and signs of our concern for those in need.
Bless these as they are used in justice, peace, and love.
Amen.

Anthem

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter	Psalm	parts one & two (VU p. 792)
Hebrew Scripture	Exodus 17: 1-17	(pew Bible p. 56)
Christian Scripture	Philippians 2: 1-13	(pew Bible 954)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Response

VU 37

**"Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!"**