

Our Response

Reflection

Hymn "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" VU 509

Prayers of the People

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" VU 480

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (insert)

We Are Sent Forth

Closing Hymn "There is No Male or Female" VU 627

Commissioning (*please remain standing, if comfortable*)

One: We go from this house

All: open to the brokenness in our midst.

We go, ready to answer, "I am here, God;

We will not close our eyes to the mystery of you;

We will ignore the difficult truths you long
for us to see."

We go from this house ready to serve.

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 August 13, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Brenda Miller - (church) 604-277-0508

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather As God's People

Welcome / Church Life Reminders & Celebrations

Congregational Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

One: The Word is near us in this place.

God's presence is everywhere.

All: We come to God's house to praise God's name!

One: The Word is near us in this place.

God's glory is everywhere.

**All: We come to God's house to confess our belief
in the risen Christ!**

One: The Word is near us in this place.

God's power is everywhere.

All: We come to God's house to believe in God!

One: The Word is near us in this place.

God's love and acceptance are everywhere.

All: We come to God's house!

Opening Hymn "Creator, Spirit, Living Word"

VU 531
(except vs. 4)

Words of Assurance

We Present Our Offering

Prayer of Approach

All: You are full of surprises, God. We woke up this morning and found a new day had already begun even while we slept. What else was happening in the night? Perhaps Jesus was at work, making miracles happen in people's lives. Open our hearts this morning, and open our ears to experience your Word among 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

**All: O God, we catch ourselves thinking,
"I shouldn't do that."
But then charge ahead anyway.
We catch ourselves thinking,
"I should do that."
But we never get around to it.
We have let people down by the things we have said,
and the things we have not said. We have chosen
ourselves over others.
Forgive us these missed and discarded opportunities.
We want to be part of a community with others.
Forgive all our transgressions, we pray.**

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)*

**All: Generous One, these offerings are for your work in this faith community and far beyond.
We pray they will provide support, learning, challenge, comfort, and the opportunity of new ways.
Bless them, and us, as we share our gifts to make this work possible. Amen.**

Anthem

We Listen For God's Word

Psalter	Psalms 105: 1-6, 16-22	(VU p. 828,829)
Hebrew Scripture	Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28	(pew Bible p. 30)
Christian Scripture	Matthew 14: 22-33	(pew Bible p. 796)

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!"**