

Our Response

Reflection

Hymn "In Christ There is No East or West" VU 606

Prayers of the People

Communion Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" VU 468

Sacrament of Holy Communion (insert)

We Are Sent Fort

Closing Hymn "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" VU 356

Commissioning (please remain standing, if comfortable)

**All: Our church is "a spiritual house,"
but not a retreat from the world;
we are "a chosen race,"
but can presume no privilege in God's eyes;
we are anointed as "a royal priesthood,"
but must serve, with Jesus, the lowest and the least;
we are challenged to be "a holy nation,"
but share God's world with people of many faiths.
We go from here seeking a blessing as "God's own people."**

Congregational Response (verses 1, 3) VU 229

**"God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,
how does the creature say Awe, how does the creature say Praise?
God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,
how does the creature say Grace, how does the creature say Thanks?"**

The Benediction (...worship leader)

Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

Steveston United Church
Sunday May 14, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Brenda Miller - (church) 604-277-0508

Fifth Sunday after Easter



We Gather As God's People

Welcome / Church Life Reminders & Celebrations

Congregational Prayer Requests

Special Music "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (Thompson)

Call to Worship

One: We come to this place, knowing that God is here.

All: We come to worship in a spirit of hope.

One: We come to this place, a safe place, where God will keep us near.

**All: We come to this place to be renewed in faith,
knowing the risks for us when we proclaim the gospel.**

One: We come to worship in a spirit of faith.

All: We come to worship God.

Opening Hymn "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring"

VU 328

Prayer of Approach *(please be seated)*

**All: Creator, you have shaped a place for us
made of love and held in grace.
It is filled with the whispers of the ancients
who followed you and sculpted our faith.
Breathe into this place again,
that we may know your way,
your truth, and your life. Amen.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

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

One: Rejoice and be glad,
God has given us an amazing gift.
The peace of the Risen Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

Learning Together

"Like a Rock" MV 92

Prayer of Confession

**All: We cast stones; - literal and figurative -
we throw them without thinking.
When someone says something that bothers us,
we cover our ears and shut them out.
We block those with whom we disagree, challenging them,
putting them down, disregarding them.
We want others to conform to our standards,
not caring if they are good and faithful standards, or not.
We challenge and push aside those
who seem different from us.
We cast stones, loving God, and we are sorry.
Forgive us, we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

We Present Our Offering

Offering Invitation

Offertory Refrain

VU 542

**"We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gifts may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee."**

Prayer of Dedication *(please remain standing)*

**All: We bring ourselves, loving God;
living stones that you can shape into vessels
of healing and transformation for our world.
Use us, and the gifts we bring,
to make a difference in the lives of others.
We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Anthem TBA

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter	Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16	Parts One & Three (VU p. 758)
Christian Scripture	1Peter 2:2-10	(pew Bible p.984)
Christian Scripture	Acts 7: 55-60	(pew Bible p.891)

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!"**