

One: The word of God for the people of God.

**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!”

**Our Response**

**Sermon**

**Hymn** “I’m Gonna Live So” insert VU 575

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**We Are Sent Forth**

**Closing Hymn** “Jesus Loves Me” insert VU 365

**Commissioning** *(please remain standing, if comfortable)*

One: May Christ be with us

**All: in all our joys and sorrows, in all times and places.  
May he shine the resurrection light on the road ahead,  
surrounding us with his grace,  
and hold us with his peace and purpose for our lives.**

**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** “We go in peace, blessed by the Resurrecting God;  
Creator, Liberator, Sustainer, now and always.

**Three-Fold Amen**

**Steveston United Church**

**Sunday April 26, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.**

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

*Third Sunday after Easter*



**We Gather As God’s People**

**Call to Worship**

One: Come and see; the signs of the Risen Christ are all around us!

**All: We come to worship God.**

One: Come and know: the presence of the Risen Christ is this community!

**All: We come to worship God!**

One: Come and believe: the Risen Christ is with us now and always!

**All: We come to worship God.**

**Opening Hymn** “We Are Pilgrims on a Journey” VU 595

**“We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travelers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too."

### Prayer of Approach

**All:** God of wisdom and mercy, teach us to blend wisdom  
with mercy, and to show compassion without compromise.  
Teach us to walk wisely in this world of confusion  
and distrust. Help us become a people who follow  
your way. Let this community of faith be a light  
that shines for all. Amen.

### Lighting the Christ Candle

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

### Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

#### Prayer of Confession

One: When we fail to recognize the Christ travelling with us,  
**All: God, forgive us.**  
One: When we fail to recognize the Christ in others all around us,  
**All: God, forgive us.**  
One: When we fail to recognize the Christ in the word of which  
we are a part,

**All: God, forgive us.**

One: When we fail to recognize God in the headlines in the news  
of the day,

**All: God, forgive us.**

**Open our eyes and our hearts to recognize that you travel  
with us always, that you are present even though we don't  
know you. God forgive us.**

#### Words of Assurance

"No matter what road we find ourselves on, Jesus comes and  
travels with us, offering forgiveness and new life at every turn.  
thanks be to God,"

#### We Present Our Offering

**Offering Invitation** "Jesus presence gives us lives of joy and hope;  
we give so that other people's lives can also  
be transformed."

#### 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

One: God of our journey,  
**All: empower us to be a community of invitation,  
of welcome, and of hospitality.  
May we respond to your presence in our lives  
by walking along side others.  
Guide us to share with others your work in our lives,  
and the resurrection ways we have experienced that  
have deepened community and mutual love. Amen.**

#### We Listen For God's Word

Psalter Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19  
Christian Scripture Luke 24: 13-35  
Christian Scripture Acts 2: 14, 22-28

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