

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent Out

Closing Hymn "How Great Thou Art" insert

Commissioning

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

Three-Fold Amen

Steveston United Church
Sunday May 10, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Brenda Miller - (church) 604-277-0508

Fifth Sunday after Easter



We Gather As God's People

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

"Let the light of the Risen Christ fill this space. Amen."

Opening Hymn "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" VU 356

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Hallelu, Hallelujah. ..con't

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Prayer of Approach

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.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: Rejoice and be glad, He is Risen!
The peace of Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

Learning Together *"Like a Rock"* as many times as you want.... with Actions!

"Like a rock, like a rock God is under our feet. - *stamp feet*
Like a starry night sky God is over our head. - *wiggle fingers over head*
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before. - *wave one arm in the air*
Like a river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore."
-palms together ..make swimming action, cross arms over heart

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 trust in God and we trust in Jesus.
Jesus always offers mercy and forgiveness,
over and over. Thanks be to God."

We Present Our Offering

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

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.

We Listen For God's Word

Psalter	Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16	Parts One & Three
Christian Scripture	1Peter 2:2-10	
Christian Scripture	Acts 7: 54-60	

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

Our Responsive Song!

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

Reflection/Meditation

Hymn *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* insert