

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

Reflection

Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” insert

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

We Are Sent Out

Closing Hymn “Go to the World” insert

Commissioning (*please remain standing, if comfortable*)

All: We take with us these words of Christ:

“I will not leave you orphaned.”

We are never alone!

God guides us in all we do.

“Because I live, you will live also.”

We go, 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 “We go in peace, blessed by the Resurrecting God,
Creator, Liberator and Sustainer.”

Three-Fold Amen

Steveston United Church
Sunday May 17, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Brenda Miller - (church) 604-277-0508

Six Sunday after Easter

Be Still

We Gather As God’s People

Call to Worship

One: God listens to us. God hears the sound of our prayers.

All: God hears the sound of our prayers. Praise God!

One: God does not ignore our prayers.

All: God does not withhold faithful love from us.

We come to worship and praise God.

Lighting the Christ Candle

All: “Let the light of the Risen Christ fill this space. Amen.”

Opening Hymn “Standin’ in the Need of Prayer”

*It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. ...*

Not my brother or my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.
Not my brother or my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my mother or my father, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.
Not my mother or my father, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my stranger or my neighbour, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.
Not my stranger or my neighbour, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

*It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.*

Prayer of Approach

**All: Always-present God, we come before you in awe,
for you have promised never to leave us. Ever.
It's an amazing thing!
Even when we feel most lost and alone, you are still with us:
your spirit is there- comforter, advocate, friend.
We celebrate your presence here, today, right now.
Amen.**

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

One: Rejoice and be glad;
the peace of Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

Learning Together

Prayer of Confession

**All: Forgiving God, unseen yet known,
we hear you speak the word in power and in need,**

**we hear you speak in love and grace. ...con't
May our lives be lived in the echo of your voice.
When we are persuaded by the want that leads to hurt,
the desire that leads to greed,
the desire that leads to selfishness,
forgive us for following the wrong way.
When we are persuaded by the spin that becomes truth,
the belief that becomes doctrine,
the fear that becomes intolerance,
forgive us for following the wrong way.
Forgiving God, seeing and forgiving, knowing and loving,
we turn from following the wrong way
and face you with our confessions.
Hear us. Forgive us. Amen.**

Words of Assurance **“The Good News of the Gospel is this;
our God is loving and life-giving.
Always, always and always.**

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 *(please remain standing)*

**All: Holy Parent, whose children we are,
receive the gifts we offer.
May they help to bring others closer to you,
and to experience and appreciate your presence in their lives.
Amen.**

We Listen For God's Word

Psalter Psalm 66:8-20
Christian Scripture John 14: 15-21
Christian Scripture Acts 17: 22-31

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.