

Our Response

Reflection

Hymn *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”* insert VU 120

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

We Are Sent Forth

Closing Hymn *“May the God of Hope Go with Us”* insert VU 424

Commissioning

All: May we be a blessing to ourselves, to others,
and to the world
by living fully the gifts that God has placed within us.
May Christ fill us with love, hope and kindness
all the days of our lives.

Congregational Response 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. Amen.”**

Three-Fold Amen

Steveston United Church
Sunday May 3, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Brenda Miller - (church) 604-277-0508

Fourth Sunday after Easter (Shepherd Sunday)



We Gather As God’s People

Call to Worship

One: God, our Shepherd, leads us to this place.

**All: God invites us to rest in grassy meadows,
and walks with us beside restful waters.**

One: God has set a table for us, with our enemies present.

All: God has given us so much, it’s as if our cup overflows!

One: Let us gather in the house of our God.

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

Opening Hymn *“Come, Children, Join to Sing”* VU 345

Come, children, join to sing: Hal – le-lu-jah!
Praise to Christ our Servant King: Hal – le-lu-jah!
Let all, with heart and voice, saved by God’s gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hal – le-lu-jah!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Hal – le-lu-jah!
Let praises fill the sky: Hal – le-lu-jah!
God calls his people friends, the helpless he defends,
a love that never ends: Hal – le-lu-jah!

Praise yet our Christ again: Hal – le-lu-jah!
Raise the joyous strain: Hal – le-lu-jah!
The whole creation o’er let God’s love adore,
singing for evermore: Hal – le-lu-jah!

Prayer of Approach

**All: We gather as followers of Jesus, who embodied love
and showed us how to be the very presence of God.
May our faith deepen beyond personal devotion
and mere tradition to become the story we tell
with every breath of our lives. 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

Prayer of Confession

**All: Care-giving God, you shepherd us, leading us in your way,
guiding us through the darkest night.
Why do we wander away?
You call, and we ignore.
You invite us into your family,
but we feel there are other things more important.
You welcome us, and yet we separate ourselves from others.
God, forgive us.
Gather us now, together again. Lead us forever.
Hear our transgressions. Amen.**

Words of Assurance “God forgives us before we can even ask
and gives us grace to move forward in our
lives and our communities.
Our burdens have indeed been lifted.
Thanks be to God.”

We Present Our Offering

Offering Invitation “We follow the way of Jesus
to live in the way of God.”

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 what we have, O Holy One.
We know there are many around us who are in need,
and though we can’t do everything, we know that
you will take what we offer and use it to make a difference.
So take these gifts, given with glad and generous hearts,
and use them for your work. Amen.**

We Listen For God’s Word

Psalter Psalm 23
Christian Scripture John 10: 1-10
Christian Scripture Acts 2: 42-47

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!”