

**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** “*We Praise You, O God*” insert VU 218

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

**We Send Each Other Out**

**Closing Hymn** “*To Abraham and Sarah*” insert VU 634

**Commissioning**

**All:** We go forth as God’s people to live and proclaim hope.  
We go forth as ambassadors.  
We go forth ready to proclaim a way of love and compassion.  
We go as God’s disciples...to be the people of God.

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VU 376

“**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**  
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**Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.**  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.”**

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

**Three-Fold Amen**

**Steveston United Church**  
**Sunday June 14, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.**  
Rev. Brenda Miller - (church) 604-277-0508

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*



**We Gather As God’s People**

**Call to Worship**

**One:** We arrive at this moment, in this place – expectant,  
hopeful, downhearted, unsure – however we are.  
**All:** **We come to encounter the promises of God.**  
**One:** railing along with us is all the life we lived up to this  
moment. We are young and we are old. We are from near  
and from far. We bring stories of our ancestors with us.  
**All:** **We come to encounter the promises of God.**  
**One:** Here is where we collect ourselves, together here and now.  
**All:** **In this still, singular moment we are ready.**  
**Ready to look forward into the future, filled with  
promise for us and for all.**  
**We come to encounter the promises of God.**

## Lighting the Christ Candle

**“Let the light of Christ fill this place. Amen.”**

**Opening Hymn**    *“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”*

VU 357

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here;  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the love light of Jesus’ face.

Into the city I’d follow the children’s band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas, “Jesus is King!”

Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain;  
and of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.  
Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be  
stories of Jesus—tell them to me.

## Prayer of Approach

**All: When Abram was ninety-nine years old, Yahweh appeared to him, and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless.” Hoping against hope, Abram believed that he would become “the father of many nations.” Old, young, sure, uncertain – what do we hope for? Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

## Learning Together

## Prayer of Confession

One: You offer covenant love, Holy One:  
faithfulness, care, respect, and dignity.  
**All: We thank you for your covenant with Noah, with Sarah and Abraham, with us. Yet, we live as if there was no covenant, no consequences. You wait, O God, and wait and wait. Show us how to be different in all our relationships. Teach us the dance of love all over again. Hear us into true repentance, true silence, true love. Forgive us...and hear our prayer.**

**Words of Assurance**    **“God desires the good in each of us, and gives us his strength and the will to follow. We can be assured we are forgiven. 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 our gifts to you, O God; just as you are the God who knows us by name, so you are the God who knows all those in need by name. May these, our gifts, be a beacon of light to all. Amen.**

## We Listen to God’s Word

Psalter	Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19
Hebrew Scripture	Genesis 17, 18: 1-15
Christian Scripture	Romans 11: 1-10

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**