

Our lists of grievances are longer than our lists  
of gratitude. Remind us of all we have.  
We are imperfect disciples. Help us rejoice  
in your goodness and share your good news.  
*...silent prayer*  
Grant us grace. Amen."  
*Assurance of forgiveness and love*

Hymn "Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing" VU 223

Reflection

Closing Hymn "This is God's Wondrous World" VU 296

### We Are Sent Out

Commissioning

All: "Blessed are we, when,  
in our hunger and satisfaction,  
in our poverty and richness,  
in our weeping and in our joy;  
blessed are we as we go from this place  
full of grace, power and joy."

Congregational Response VU 701

All: "What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?  
Justice, kindness,  
walk humbly with your God.  
To seek justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your God."

The Blessing Three-fold Amen

Postlude

Steveston United Church  
Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 10:00 am  
Rev. Brenda Miller

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



### We Gather as God's People

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Lighting the Christ Candle and the Candle for Peace

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

We Welcome One Another in the Name of the Risen Christ;  
*(please stand if comfortable)*

One: Feast or fast?

All: Inward or outward?

One: With lives filled with intention-

All: or overfilled with chaos?

One: How does Sabbath call us to live?

All: Who does Sabbath call us to be?

Come, let us worship on this Sabbath day.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: Rejoice and be glad! God has given us new life.  
The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Opening Hymn "Draw the Circle Wide" MV 145

Anthem "My Song of Love" (Folsom)

Opening Prayer

All: "Holy God of all,  
you turn things upside down,  
calling the wise to embrace your wisdom.  
Open us to the vision of your New Earth  
and your New Heaven;  
help us to do our part. Amen"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer refrain VU 391  
(please remain seated)

All: "God, reveal your presence: as we now adore you  
and with awe appear before you.  
Here in this your temple: all within keep silence,  
gather now with deepest reverence.  
You alone God we own, you, our God and Saviour:  
praise your name for ever."

Special Music

Offering Invitation

Offering Refrain (please stand if comfortable) VU 541

All: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit; One. Amen."

Offering Prayer of Dedication

All: "Gracious God,  
we have promised that we will pray, love and share.  
Help us to do so with enthusiasm and commitment.  
May all that we offer be transformed  
into loving gifts of hope and promise. Amen"

We Hear God's Word

Psalm 15 p. 736 VU  
Hebrew Scripture Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 p. 757 pew Bible  
Christian Scripture Matthew 5:1-12 p. 785,786 pew Bible

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

Congregational Refrain

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!"

Invitation to Confession

Our prayer:

All: Always-forgiving God,  
we do not always get along with each other;  
help us to show more love and compassion.  
We may quit when things are hard;  
encourage us to work harder and pray more.

We gossip and judge others unfairly.  
Guide us toward ways to bless those who challenge us.

In our hurried, impatient lives,  
we do not always see the beauty around us.  
Help us to breathe and bring our focus to you.

When tragedy comes, we ask why.  
Lead us to the answers and help us to trust in you.