

Sometimes we think of you as an 'add-on', not a 'part-of.'
Empower us to change our shortcomings.
Forgive us and make us true disciples of faith.
...silent prayer
Grant us grace. Amen."
Assurance of forgiveness and love

Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" VU 506

Reflection

Communion Hymn "All Who Hunger" VU 460
Sacrament of Holy Communion *insert*

Closing Hymn "The Church in the Wildwood" *insert*

We Are Sent Out

Commissioning

All: "We have heard God speaking to us
in scripture, song and prayer.
Our worship time is over;
our service begins. God will lead us."

Congregational Response

Cliff Barrows

All: May God's blessing surround you each,
as you trust God and walk in his way.
May God's presence within
guard and keep you from sin.
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love."

The Blessing Three-fold Amen
Postlude

Steveston United Church
Sunday February 5th, 2023 10:00 am
Rev. Brenda Miller

Fifth 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: In a society that lives in the
shadowed recesses of doubt and fear;

All: **God calls us to be light.**

One: In a world where every greed is fed
until there is no taste to life;

All: **God calls us to be salt.**

One: In a time when commitments are tossed aside
as easily as the clothes we wear;

All: **God calls us to be faithful.**

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 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" VU 291

(vs. 1,3,5)

Opening Prayer

All: "Holy God, Love-bringer, Justice-maker,
we come because you have called us.
You call us beyond our imagining and understanding,
beyond what our eyes see.
Teach us how to be the salt that spices,
the light that beckons,
and the hope that lasts forever.
Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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."

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: "Loving God, we give, not out of obligation,
but as a response of thanksgiving to you. We give,
not just to serve the person in need that we know,
but to serve those who need your love throughout
the world. May these gifts be a blessing to all. Amen"

Anthem "My Song of Love" (Folsom)

We Hear God's Word

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 58:1-9a p. 600, 601 pew Bible

Christian Scripture Matthew 5:13-20 p. 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: "Amazing God, we confess our shortcomings,
short tempers and short attention to loved ones.
We confess we aren't the people we could be.
Too often, we fail to treat others with love and
kindness.
We prefer instead, the love which feeds our own ego.
Or we expect you to approve of our plans,
even when we know they aren't what you call us to do.

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