

Our Lord's Prayer (said together)
The Fraction of the Elements
Distribution of the Bread and Cup
Post Communion Prayer

Hymn **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** VU 663

Commissioning (standing)

Leader: We have gathered in community to worship God.
Now our service of praise continues in the world.

**Response: We have been equipped with the gospel message.
God empowers our outreach wherever we go.**

Leader: God has forgiven and blessed us in this gathering.
Now we scatter to forgive and bless others.

**Response: Here, the Holy Spirit has deepened our convictions.
Now God calls to let our faith be known in other
places.**

Leader: We serve a true and living God, everywhere present.
We are blessed to be God's own people.

**Response: We will spend ourselves this week for God's children.
Then we will return to strengthen one another.**

The Benediction (standing)

Congregational Response (standing)

May God's blessing surround you each day
As you trust him and walk in his way
May his presence within
Guard and keep you from sin,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love
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Cliff Barrows

Three-fold Amen and Postlude (standing)

For all those who participated in this morning's service,
we offer our humble and heartfelt thanks.

Steveston United Church
Sunday November 05, 2023 10:00 am

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather as God's People

Prelude

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VU 524

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Lighting the Christ Candle and the Candle for Peace

**All: "And even the darkness could not put it out.
Let the light of Christ fill this space. Amen."**

Call to Worship (standing - responsively)

Leader: We are drawn to worship by a Reality unseen
The One we call God is beyond human description.

**Response: God is more than we can ever imagine.
We sense God's presence as we meditate.**

Leader: We gather in awe to bring our songs of praise.
The Creator of all things has given us life.

**Response: We are amazed by the wonders around us.
We feel God's presence as we sing together.**

Leader: We are summoned by One who is just and merciful.
The Ruler of all worlds expects us to respond.

**Response: How amazing that God chooses us as messengers.
We know God is with us as we work for justice.**

Prayer of Approach (standing)

Opening Hymn Let There Be Peace on Earth SFGP12 (see insert)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (seated - in unison)

Awesome God, how puny is our cleverness before the magnitude of your reality! How fleeting are our days measured against the far reaches of eternity! Yet we set our limited knowledge and restricted purposes against your will for us and presume to direct our own affairs and those of the whole world. O God, we are trapped in our pretensions. Turn us from our need for proof to extravagant praise. Turn us inside out so our self-interest becomes concern for all your neglected children. Suppress in us the sinful ways we find so difficult to manage on our own, that we may joyously render to you all that is already yours. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

A Time to Remember

Offertory Invitation

Offering Refrain

VU 543 (verse 1)

We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O God from thee

Offertory Prayer

Anthem / Solo Paull Verheyen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer For Illumination (seated - in unison)

Great and awesome God, just and righteous beyond all our prejudices, valuing all people without partiality, allow us to sense your presence within and among us, that we may know we are your people. Call us by name and let your favor rest upon us, that we may have no need to feel superior or seek fame and fortune over others but may rather extend your grace to all we meet, imitating Christ and extolling you in all our words and deeds. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:15-22, Page 803-804

Leader: These is a story of our faith.

Response: 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!

Reflection

Hymn I Come with Joy

VU 477

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Passing the Peace

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving. (see insert)