



10am – Sunday 10 September 2017



Peace Service

Pre service music *“Trumpet Voluntary”*

“Es ist das Heil uns kommen her” (Salvation Has Come To Us) BuxWV 186

John Tavers (1703-58)

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome

Introit *“The Ground- Dona Nobis Pacem”*

(Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna! Give us peace)

Music Ola Gjelio (b. 1978)

Call To Worship

From east and west, south and north, from valleys and ridges, from Pacific islands and large continents,

God has gathered us in this place.

From many cultures and backgrounds, speaking in various languages, living in different stages of life,

we believe that through baptism we are united with Christ.

Coming with varied thoughts and feelings, thanksgiving and lament, assurance and repentance, joy in the Gospel and sorrow for division,

we celebrate the new life given through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Believing in God’s promise, keeping our hearts burning with love and expectation,

we rejoice in the coming of the Spirit, the dawn of the promised age, the fulfilment of hope!

Let us worship God.

Hymn *“O for a thousand tongues to sing”*

(Lyngham) CH4 352 - Charles Wesley

1 O for a thousand tongues, to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

3 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

2 He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

4 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Prayer

God of all life, of peace and justice, of death and resurrection, of your coming new creation, give us a voice and we will cry out.

We will raise our voices to sing and our feet will dance, wherever there are signs of life around us.

Give us a voice and we will sob.

Weeping with your world, like a child holding a broken treasure, a child that will not be comforted:

weeping at the divisions and separations of churches and our communities;

weeping at misused powers that oppress others and destroy the earth;

weeping with those who lost loved ones because of wars and conflicts;

weeping with refugees and displaced people.

Give us a voice to name truth

and expose falsehood;

to encourage the downhearted

and confront the powers.

Give us a voice that speaks with passion

and a voice full of compassion.

A voice that is gentle

and a voice that knows when to be angry.

When there is no word to convey our grief and hope, and when we cannot pray, deepen our trust that the Spirit groans with us and intercedes for us. Give us a voice,

and we will proclaim the living Christ.

Voices buried deep will shout out.

Voices that have been submerged will emerge.

Voices that have never been heard will be raised.

Even stones will cry out.

We hear the words of the Spirit of Christ whispering to us. We pray in the name of Christ.

Assurance of Forgiveness

E te whanau all are God's beloved people. **Thanks be to God.**

Passing the Peace Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn "*He came singing love*"

(Singing Love) AA 59 - Colin Gibson

1 He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

2 He came singing faith ...

3 He came singing hope ...

4 He came singing peace ...

Reading Micah 4:1-5

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church **Thanks be to God**

Anthem

Tongan Choir

Gospel Matthew 5:38-48

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon Dr Sami Awad, Holy Land Trust, Bethlehem,
University Annual Peace Lecturer

Affirmation of Faith

United Church of Canada

Prayer of Intercession, then ...

(from *Anglican prayer book*)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.

Hymn “*We wait the peaceful kingdom*”

(7676D) GtG 378 - Kathleen Rae Moore

1 We wait the peaceful kingdom,
when wolf and lamb shall lie
in gentleness and friendship
without a fear or sigh,
when lion shall be grazing,
when snake shall never strike;
a little child shall lead us
both strong and weak alike.

2 Where is the peaceful kingdom?
When will this new day start?
We long for peace and comfort
to reign within each heart.
Yet not in our lives only,
nor simply in our home:
we pray that all creation
will one day find shalom.

3 When wars of desolation
and hate come to an end,
when nation meets nation
and calls the other "friend,"
still peace in all its fullness
will only have begun:
shalom for all creation
begins with justice done.

4 That little child shall lead us
to walk the chosen way,
to share the peaceful kingdom,
to greet God's newborn day.
The child born in a stable
is sent to break our chains,
to bring through word and table
the day when justice reigns.

Offering and Dedication *“Andante”*

Samuel Barber (1910-81)

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table,
and those which wing their way electronically from our banks to the Church’s account.*

Communion Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right and good to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and good that we give you our praise, Holy One,... For all you have done, we join in thanksgiving and offer our praise:

Holy, holy, holy God. Source of life and love! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to bring your peace with justice to earth!

On the last night Jesus spent with his friends, ... Together let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon us and these gifts, ... In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Distribution *“Peace be with you”* text from Revelation, music Paul Manz (1919-2009); *“A Movement of Reflection”*

Mons Leidvin Takle (b. 1942)

Hymn *“I have a dream”*

(Repton) CH4 710 - Pamela J Pettitt

1 ‘I have a dream’, a man once said,
‘where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love.’

2 But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.

3 Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right.

4 So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content;
for thoughts and words don’t ease the pain:
unless there’s action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds.

Benediction

Postlude *“Tu est Petrus - You are Peter, the rock on which I build my church”*

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-68)

You are invited to morning tea after worship, in the Gathering Area.

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