

## GATHERING

Voluntary: The Peace May Be Exchanged .....Dan Locklair

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Hymn No. 139: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.....Lobe Den Herren  
**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.**

† Call to Worship .....Brandon Baxter

Liturgist: *Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.*

People: **We gather with them in heart and mind.**

Liturgist: *Around the world the broken body is made whole.*

People: **As part of that body we join in its unity.**

Liturgist: *Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.*

People: **We, who share in the Banquet, are eager to be fed.**

Liturgist: *Let us worship together.*

People: **Let us share God's bounty!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Merciful God, we confess  
that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

† Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people,  
we will now exchange signs of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*) .....Theresa Santillan  
**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may  
hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Meditation: Authority Issues..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith:.....No. 883  
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Brandon Baxter

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: Come Savior of the Nations ..... Bach, arr. Fournier

† Doxology.....No. 94  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus



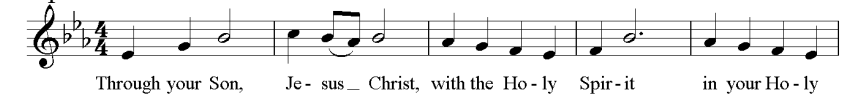
Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Prayer of Consecration

People:



The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

Communion Music: O Sacred Head Now Wounded.....Bach, arr. Fournier

Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*

People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**

Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*

People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**

Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*

People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 557: Blest Be the Tie That Binds .....Dennis

† Benediction

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in B-flat..... Johann Kuhnau

*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.  
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

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Music Participants: Keith Nicholas, cello. Matthew Phelps, piano and organ. Andrew Risinger, organ.

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Today's music spans different cultures as we reflect on World Communion Sunday. The opening hymn and closing voluntary are German in origin and the recessional hymn is Swiss. Our special music today is Bach, but arranged by a French composer. The opening voluntary is by American composer Dan Locklair. As we sing music of other cultures, we are reminded of our unity with Christians all over the world.



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