

Come as you are

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GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SANCTUS: VU #227 v.1** “For the Fruit of all Creation”

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us give thanks to our Creator for the Creator is always with us.

All: God is with us in the call of a loon and in the flight of an eagle.

One: Our Creator is with us in the changing of the seasons.

All: God is with us when we gather together and when we are alone.

One: Our Creator is with us in our giftedness and in our search for new understandings of ourselves, new visions of our communities.

All: Let us give thanks to God, our Creator.

—A prayer from *The Dancing Sun* (United Church of Canada/Anglican Church of Canada), alt,for [Aboriginal Sunday](#)

***OPENING PRAYER:**

Living God, we enter this time of worship for we feel you calling to us and urging us to be a part of your family. We stand with all the people gathered here in hopeful community, choosing to be a place where your generosity and kindness dwell. Amen

***OPENING HYMN: VU #308** “Many and Great, O God...”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: Hear these words of assurance from Richard Rohr, SJ: “God is saving all of us, no exceptions. We are all saved in spite of ourselves, good and bad alike.” There is no place and no circumstance that will exclude us from the love of God, of this we can be sure.

All: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN: VU#229** “God of the Sparrow”

CHILDREN’S TIME

LISTENING TO THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE: Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39**

Reader: Sandy Murphy

SERMON

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN: VU#766** “As the Deer Pants for the Water”

***OFFERING: VU#541** “Praise God From who all Blessings Flow”

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

We would be like you, God, and notice the small things that count – sparrows that fall, and hairs on our neighbour’s head. We would be like you, and know what is worth taking a risk. We would live like you, and know what to keep and what to discard. We would be beacons of hope in the world, offering strength and compassion. As we encounter you in our lives, we would recognize you and respond to your call.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CLOSING HYMN: VU#509** “I the Lord of Sea and Sky”

GOING FORTH

*BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE: VU#481 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



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Romans 6:1-11

Dying and Rising with Christ

6 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider

yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

Whom to Fear

²⁶ “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.^[a] ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

*OPENING HYMN: VU #308 “Many and Great, O God...”

- 1 Many and great, O God, are your works,
Maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars,
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey your voice.
- 2 Grant unto us communion with you,
O star-abiding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us,
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with you.

*HYMN: VU#229 “God of the Sparrow”

- 1 God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise
- 2 God of the earthquake God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save
- 3 God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks
- 4 God of the hungry God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

- 5 God of the neighbour God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
- 6 God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

***HYMN: VU#766 "As the Deer Pants for the Water"**

- 1 As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.
 You alone are my strength, my shield
 to you alone may my spirit yield;
 you alone are my heart's desire,
 and I long to worship you.
- 2 I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye. R
- 3 You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a king;
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything! R

***CLOSING HYMN: VU#509 "I the Lord of Sea and Sky"**

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R
- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R