

The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost November 6, 2022

We acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional carers of the land on which our church is built.

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Candles and Introit

Your hand O God has Guided — Harwood

Call to Worship

We celebrate with all God's people today. We recall the saints of the past, the saints of today, and with joy and hope, we celebrate the saints to come!

The Spirit is present in all God's people.
Christ's body, the church,
proclaims with joy,
that Christ completes all things everywhere.
Let us praise God's continuing love and faithful
presence
throughout all time and space.

Prayer of Invocation

We Sing: In the Love of God We Gather

- 1. In the love of God we gather, wooing, fulsome, strong and free. Through the veil of faith we enter drawn and held by Mystery. Wounded by the trials of living, buoyed by hope that will not end; We, your people of compassion, lift our eyes and rise again.
- 2. T'ward the light of Christ we open, searching for his paths of peace. Hearts affected, grace resurgent lived and breathed creatively: Parent, poet, teacher, farmer calls to share the Gift made known: Currents of the deepest river, coursing outward to the sea.
- 3. Through the beauty of the spirit by a love that moves the stars, we will find our truth and bearing in God's love-song for this world. Justice, mercy, peace and daring; these shall be our heart's desire! Folded into acts of service, faith refined through holy fire.

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Stewardship — *Life Overflowing*

A Stewardship Story

Stewardship Litany

Moment by moment,
when we open ourselves
to the wonder of God's love,
we discover there the fullness of life.
Life overflowing.
This is the abundant life Jesus offers.
Today we claim this love of God.
Today we will begin to live as though God loves
us,
with all our faults and insecurities.
Honouring God, and serving others.

This Love will renew our hearts and minds. **May we live life abundantly.**

Stewardship Response

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For the Stewardship Response Sheet please go to bpuc.org/respond
For the Sharing in Community outline of all ministry areas go to bpuc.org/stewardship/

We Sing: Life to the Brim, Life Overflowing

Life to the brim, life overflowing
 Life pouring out in compassion and grace.
 Spirit of God, well up within us
 Bring us to life in this time and this place.

Life to the brim, life overflowing
 Life flooding in from below and above
 Spirit of God, pour out upon us.
 Bring us to faith and to hope and to love.

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Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you. **And also with you.**

Community News and Notices

Current or previous BP E-news and to sign up to receive BP E-news

Children's Time

Children may go downstairs for Sunday School. Parents, you are welcome to join your child in Sunday School if you feel your child may need your assistance. Alternatively, you may wish for your child to remain with you for the duration of worship. Activity packs are available from the entrances.

Scripture Readings: Luke 6: 20-26

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets."

The Gospel of Christ, Light of the World **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Offering

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Prayers of the People

We Sing: For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table

1. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread; a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

2. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share; with wisdom and grace dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.

Refrain

3. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.

Refrain

4. For gay and for straight, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space, a rainbow of race and gender and colour, for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace.

Refrain

5. For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy

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Celebrating Holy Communion

SETTING OF THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May God be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... And so we raise our voices, together with heaven and earth, your people throughout all time and in all places and all of creation, saying:

Holy, holy, holy God, of all creation and life, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

...And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying:

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 forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION

(Distribution of the elements)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Sing: Now Let us from this Table Rise

- 1. Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind and soul; with Christ we die and live again, his selfless love has made us whole.
- 2. With minds alert, upheld by grace, to spread the Word in speech and deed, we follow in the steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.

- 3. To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care; the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.
- 4. Then give us grace, Companion God, to choose again the pilgrim way, and help us to accept with joy the challenge of tomorrow's day.

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Sending Forth and Benediction

Choral Blessing

May the Lord bless you - Pao Chin Li

Postlude

Come and share morning tea together, downstairs in the basement. Please wait for a steward to indicate it is time to move.

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