



Fairview Baptist Church

*Gathered and sent by Christ
to build and make known the reign of God:
to love God, neighbour and self*

Sunday, May 22nd, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

We welcome our guest preacher today, Rev. Monica McKinlay
and worship leader, Callum Henderson

Prelude *The Church's One Foundation* – P. Bunjes

Invocation

Call to Worship

Creator of the world, eternal God,
**We have come from many places
for a little while.**

Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,
**We have come with all our differences,
seeking common ground.**

Spirit of unity, go-between God,
**We have come on journeys of our own,
to a place where journeys meet.**

Come, let us worship together the Creator,
the Redeemer and the Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn 312 Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
God whose grace shall never cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
pow'r to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:
friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:
foolishness none dare deride.

Words: The Iona Community, 1985
Music: LAUDA ANIMA

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
This the world shall see reflected:
God is One and One in Three.

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, by water and your Holy Spirit you
baptized us to be your own and called the church into
being. We confess that we at times hold back the love
of your Spirit among us. We do not always listen for
your word of grace, speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on
us, O God. Let us begin anew to be the people you call
us to be: instruments of your love in this world.**

silence

Sisters and brothers, by the grace and love of God, we
are forgiven. The old life has gone; a new life has
begun.

Thanks be to God!

Scripture Acts 2:36-47

Anthem Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Here, O Lord, your servants gather,
hand we link with hand;
looking to our Saviour's cross, joined in love we stand.
As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray:
Jesus, Saviour, guide our steps, for you are the Way.

Many are the tongues we speak, scattered are the lands,
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's demands.
E'en in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth:
Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.

Grant, O God, an age renewed, filled with deathless love;
help us as we work and pray, send us from above
truth and courage, faith and power, needed in our strife:
Jesus Christ, you are our Way, you our Truth, our Life.

Words: T. Yamaguchi, 1958; tr. E. Stowe
Music: I. Koizumi, 1958 (Japanese Gagaku)

Sermon *The Church as New Community: A Shared Life*



Breaking of Bread – 2nd C AD

Hymn Living Lord of Love's Dominion

Living Lord of Love's dominion,
sovereign Saviour, bless your church ;
call us still as your disciples --
loving, serving, while we search.
Gathered: feed our deepest being
prophet's truth and godly nerve;
scattered: let our lives' fruition
nourish others while we serve.

Visit towns and inner cities;
penetrate our steel and stone
with a love that melts our coldness,
making mission here our own.
We will seek you, love transfigured,
in our neighbour's need
until deep within our daily service
love draws forth our utmost skill.

With your bread, your wine, your Spirit,
nurture us for your intent;
let your will be our vocation
lived as song and sacrament.
May compassion lead to service
till we join the saints above;
grant us hope for each tomorrow;
fill our faith with vibrant love!

Words: D. Robb, 1992
Music: PLEADING SAVIOUR

Prayers of the People

Offering

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

Hymn 641 Lord Jesus, You Shall be Our Song

Jésus, nous voulons te chanter sur nos routes,
Jésus, nous voulons t'annoncer à nos voisins partout;
car toi sel es la vie et al paix et l'amour.
Jésus, nous voulons te chanter sur nos routes.

Lord, Jesus, we'll praise you as long as we journey.
May all of our joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join our song.
Lord Jesus, we'll praise you as long as we journey.

As long as we live, Jesus make us your servants
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens
and tears,
for you saved us by giving your body and blood.
As long as we live, Jesus make us your servants.

We fear in the dark and the doubt of our journey,
but courage will come with the sound of your steps
by our side;
and with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

Words & music: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus, 1961;
tr. S. Somerville

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude *Gnossienne No.1* - Erik Satie Gabriel Henderson

We ask you to keep in your prayers this week:

- ❖ Arielle Vaillancourt
- ❖ The worldwide church as it transitions from the pandemic

Announcements

We warmly welcome **Rev. Monica McKinlay** with us today as our guest preacher.

Our plans for the coming weeks are:

May 29: Guest preacher Loren Balisky

June 5: Joint communion service with Kitsilano
Christian Community

Please join us for **lunch after the service on June 12**. This will be an informal time for sharing and catching up with one another.

Please let Blake or Jan know if you'd like to join a (hybrid) book study on Friday, June 10, 7:30 pm, featuring **Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry: Conversations on Creation, Land Justice, and Life Together**, ed. S. Heinrichs.

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