

# CUMMER AVENUE UNITED CHURCH



*Kindness • Justice • Hope*

*We are an inclusive Christian community celebrating God's presence  
as we work to enrich lives and transform our world.*

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**Sunday, October 4, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**

**Eighteenth after Pentecost / World Communion**

**bold face type:** congregational response

VU: Voices United, MV: More Voices,

*As we gather today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture,  
and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous people of this region,  
most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who are  
Anishinaabe Ojibwe people. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right  
relations with them as we live, work, and worship upon their  
traditional territory. We are also mindful of broken covenants and the  
need to strive to make right with all our relations.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Musical Meditation:** Jesus Calls Us - Bell

**Music:** All Creatures of Our God and King (VU#217, vv. 1,2&5)

### **Gathering Words:**

All around us: signs of gathering in, signs of the harvest.

**We come to gather the harvest of abundance,  
so that we may share.**

Everywhere within us: the presence of joy,  
of celebration, of love.

**We come to witness to the joyful celebration  
of Christ's self-giving love.**

Around the world this day: Christians worshipping at table  
with deepest reverence and great joy.

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## **We come as one, part of the worldwide movement of The Way of Jesus.**

Let us pray.

*(adapted from Gord Dunbar, Gathering, Pentecost 2, 2020)*

### **Opening Prayer**

God who is love, who is self-giving, who is right relation,  
open our minds to the healing carried within your reign,  
unlock our fears so that we may learn to give  
through our trust in you,  
and unbind our hearts to find ways that give of ourselves.  
Amen.

*(adapted from Gord Dunbar, Gathering, Pentecost 2, 2020)*

### **Music:** Goodness Is Stronger

### **Bible Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:1-7

*The author gives thanks for Timothy's faith, passed on to him by his  
mother and grandmother.*

**Reflection:** From There to Here - Rev. Warren McDougall

**Music:** We Are Pilgrims (VU#595, vv. 1,3,4&5)

### **Offering**

#### **Offering Prayer:**

Your word, O God, has gone out through all the world,  
and now your people gather from all nations to commune  
with you.

We bring these gifts, this bread, this cup, and offer them to  
you.

Amen.

*(adapted from Robin Wardlaw, Gathering, Pentecost 2, 2020)*

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

This is the table of Jesus Christ, the family feast of the whole  
people of God.

All who seek to be nourished and sustained in the journey of  
faith

and long to live justly and in peace with their neighbour,  
are welcome here.

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

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

Blessed are you, gracious God,

Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.

You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.

At your word the earth was made

and spun on its course among the planets.

You breathe life into us and set us among all your creatures,  
in a covenant of love and service.

Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us.

You send your prophets to proclaim your justice,

to remind us of your promise of peace, and to call us back to  
you.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit,

we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,

who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way,

sharing our joy and sorrow, healing the sick,

feeding the hungry, and setting the captive free.

So it is that we join the song of all creation to

proclaim your goodness:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends,

he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat. Remember me.”

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,

passed it to his friends, saying:

“Take, drink. Remember me.”

At this time, we also remember

all with whom you would have us share your feast.

We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain, all who are ill or  
alone,

all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger,

for all whom the world counts as last and least.

We pray for the church and its varied ministries,

for nations as they strive for peace and justice,

for all our families and friends.

*(a time of silence for our personal prayers)*

Remembering your boundless love for us,

we offer our praise,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,  
that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of  
Christ:

light, life, and love in the world.

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.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (VU #959, sung)

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

Bread for the journey. *(bread is broken)*

The wine of arrival. *(wine is poured)*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Jesus Christ, the True Vine.

*Please consume the elements now.*

**Music during Communion:**

The Church Is Like a Table (*Taiwanese Melody*)

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**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray:

**We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;  
that wine poured out replenishes;  
that time spent with the Risen Christ  
and with one another  
is gift and grace. Amen**

**Music:** How Glorious Is the Life

**Sending Forth**

Children of the Gracious God, go from this time and place  
knowing that you are loved!

**And as you take your gifts of love out into the world,  
know that you go with the blessing of God,  
the love of Christ,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit.**

Go in peace.

*(adapted from Deborah Ambridge Fisher, Gathering, Pentecost 2 2020)*

**Closing Music:** Variations on *Kum Ba Yah* - arr. Behnke

*We leave this time of worship knowing that we are not alone. While we  
cannot be together in body, we can continue to be together in spirit.  
Reach out. Call a friend. Call a neighbour. Share Kindness, Justice and  
Hope wherever you can.*

## Lyrics

### **All Creatures of Our God and King** (VU#217, vv. 1,2&5)

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing:  
hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Bright burning sun with golden beam,  
soft shining moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises, sing praises,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O rushing winds and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
O lights of evening, find a voice:  
sing praises, sing praises,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship God in humbleness:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one:  
sing praises, sing praises,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

### **Goodness Is Stronger**

Goodness is stronger than evil;  
love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness;  
life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours,  
victory is ours through him who loved us.  
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*(text: Desmond Tutu; music: John Bell©1996)*

### **We Are We Are Pilgrims** (VU#595, vv. 1,3,4&5)

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

### **The Lord's Prayer** (VU #959, sung)

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.

### **How Glorious Is the Life**

How glorious is the life above,  
which in this sacrament we taste;  
that fullness of celestial love,  
that joy which shall forever last!

**Hallelujah, celebrate the feast.  
Hallelujah, celebrate the feast!**

That heavenly life in Christ concealed  
these earthen vessels could not bear,  
the part which now we find reveals  
no tongues of angels can declare. **(R)**

The Light of life eternal darts  
into our souls a dazzling ray,  
a drop of heaven o'er flows our hearts  
and flood the house of clay. **(R)**

Sure pledge of ecstasies unknown  
shall this Divine communion be;  
the ray shall rise into a sun,  
the drop shall swell into a sea. **(R)**

*(text: C. Wesley; music: Lim Swee Hong©2012)*

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