



Summer Spirit 1

July 2, 2023

Prelude: "Arioso from Jubilee Suite"

Gordon Young

The Acknowledgement:

Presider: We acknowledge that we worship, work, and provide care for one another on these unceded, ancestral, and traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

People: *We, with God's help, commit ourselves anew to working for right relations with our indigenous neighbours, with Mother Earth, and with all our relations.*

Welcome and Introduction

The Gathering

🎵 **Gathering Music:** "Like a Rock"

MV 92

Like a rock, like a rock,
God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky
God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon
God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean,
our home is in God evermore. *(repeat)*

Greeting, Call to Worship, and Lighting the Christ Candle:

Presider: The grace of Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

People: *And also with you.*

Presider: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

People: *Kindle in us the fire of your love.*

🎵 **Hymn:** "Let Us Build a House"

MV 1

Prayer of the Day

The Word

🎵 **Hymn:** "Hallelujah"

VU 717

Scripture: John 17:4-13, 20-23, 26 (NRSV)

Reader: This is a story of our faith.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

🎵 **Hymn:** "Hallelujah"

VU 717

Scripture: John 17:4-13, 20-23, 26

*(First Nations Version.
An Indigenous Translation.)*

Reader: This is a story of our faith.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: "Oh, How Good It Is"

Words/Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,
Ross Holmes, Stuart Townend
Arr.: Joey Hoelscher

Sermon: Rev. Jay Olson

The Response

Prayer for Reconciliation and Assurance:

Presider: Who can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus?

People: *No one and nothing.*

Presider: Receive God's peace. God's generous forgiveness is ours.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

🎵 **Hymn:** "Many Are the Lightbeams" (verses 1-4)

VU 588

Our Statement of Faith:

(written by the youth and young adults of Marpole United Church.

**They, a nonbinary and inclusive word, is used instead of he or she.)*

Presider: We believe in Creator God, who blesses us with and through creation.

People: We believe they* watches over us, cares for us, listens to us, guides, loves, and is always there for us. No one is alone.

We believe that God took saving, liberating action through Jesus, reconciling us to God and to one another.

We believe that God does not condemn us but loves us.

We believe we are led through life on a complicated path.

God intends diversity in creation and works in and through us all;

We believe that God calls us

to follow God's leading and God's commandments;

to honour and embrace our God-given diversity;

to pay attention to creation with appreciation and respect;

to forgive, help, and care for others;

to lead with humility, kindness, and honesty;

to seek justice and resist evil;

to trust in God.

We yearn for the warmth of love and happiness in this world.

**We believe in hope, the power that keeps us going,
and in kindness which binds us as a community.**

Let God be our guide.

♪ **Hymn: "Many Are the Lightbeams" (verse 5)**

VU 588

Many are the members,
the body is one,
members all of Jesus. (Ma-ny)
Many are the members,
the body is one;
we are one in Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

SummerSpirit Covenanting (together)

Uniting God,

you call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship:

to celebrate your presence,

to live with respect in creation,

to be your servants in the service of others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,

to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

Send your Holy Spirit to bind us in full communion

so that we may be a uniting church embodying your love for the world.

As one, we proclaim:

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

you are with us, we are not alone,

all glory and power be unto you. Amen.

The Table

Our Offerings and the Invitation

♪ **Communion Hymn: "One Bread, One Body"**

VU 467

Prayer Over the Gifts

Greeting:

Presider: God is with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Presider: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Presider: Do you remember?)

(People: Yes, we remember.)

♪ **The Sanctus:** “¡Santo, santo, santo!” VU 951
(Sing in Spanish, then in English)

¡Santo, santo, santo.
Mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir:
Santo eres Dios!

Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, God!

Memorial Acclamation:

Christ has died. **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen. **Christ is risen.**
Christ will come again. **Christ will come again.**

The Lord’s Prayer (together) (Indigenous Prayer from Australia,
author unknown)

Great Spirit, Creator of all,
From the stars to all the earth,
Loved and respected be your name,
May it happen that all should live in your way,
Following your purpose for all creation.
Enable us to find what we need for today’s journey.
Forgive us when we go wrong,
As we forgive those who wrong us.
Have compassion on us when we are being tested,
Do not abandon us to fear and evil.
Our hope is in your new community.
You are the one who can transform all creation,
making everything new,
now and for all eternity.
Amen.

The Sharing:

Presider: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Meditative Music: “Eat This Bread” Charles Callahan

Prayer After Communion

The Sending

♪ **Hymn:** “The Church’s One Foundation” (verses 1-3, and 5) VU 331

Commissioning and Benediction

♪ **Sung Blessing:** “May God’s Sheltering Wings” MV 214

May God’s sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God’s nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.

Postlude: “Processional in C” Hal Hopson

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Land Acknowledgment:

We acknowledge we worship on the unceded territories of the
x_ʷm_əθk_ʷəy_ʷəm_ (Musqueam), S_kw_x_wú7mesh (Squamish),
and Sel_íl_witulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for having cared
for this land and look forward to relating with them as covenant people
of God as we continue to care for this land together.

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Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness."

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