



CHURCH AT CAMP

Let your light shine

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

APPROACHED TO GOD

Before the service, meditate and speak to God. During the service let God speak to you. After the service talk to each other and the wider community about God.

KEYS

Words printed in **ALL CAPS** or **Bold** are spoken or sung by everyone. At places marked †, you are invited to stand, as you are able.

Functionaries

Prayers & Singers

- Madison Irwin
- Delany O'Brien
- Sabastian Nyeste
- Lana O'Brien

Minute 4 Mackenzie

- Dalynn Kearney

Videographer & Editor

- Franklyn James



Order of Worship

WELCOME & NOTICES

CANDLE/FIRE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Long, long, long ago, before there was anything, before there was a world, before there was light, before there was darkness, there was God: Creator and Source of Life. God moved and God breathed the world into being, and God said, "Let there be light." We light this fire as a visible reminder of the Creator's great light and love.

▪ **Fires Burning (x3)**

Fire's burning, fire's burning

Draw nearer, draw nearer

In the gloaming, in the gloaming

Come sing and be merry.

JOYS, CONCERNS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Place concerns, fears etc. in boat and float it down the river at the Prayers of the People Session.

(Invite Online participants to imagine putting their troubles concerns in the boat)

INVITATION TO WORSHIP †

Franklyn: Shhhhh, did you notice that?

Delany: People are talking, whispering, laughing...

Franklyn: That too, but more...

Maddie: There's the cackle of a fire, rustling of leaves, and nature ready to break out into song.

Franklyn: That too, but more... a vibration.

Sebastian: Hey, do you feel that?

Franklyn: I feel a bit chilly, I feel thirsty...

Lana: That too, but more...

Franklyn: I feel a bit nervous in front of all these people...

Delany: That too, but more... a presence.

ALL: GOD IS HERE!

Franklyn: That's it! God is here!

Lana: That's it! God, the vibration, presence, in us, through us, around us, God is here!

ALL: LET'S CELEBRATE!

OPENING SONG 1: Like a Rock (x2) MV #92 †

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.

Like a stary 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.

OPENING SONG 2: Fill up my cup †

Bass: *Fill up my cup*

Others: *Fill up my cup, let it overflow* } (x3)

Let it overflow with love (others echo)

Bass: *Amazing Grace*

Others: *Amazing Grace how sweet the sound*

Bass: *That saved a wretch*

That saved a wretch like me (others echo)

Bass: *I once was lost*

*I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see
(Others echo)*

Bass: *When we've been there*

Others: *When we've been there ten thousand years*

Bass: *Bright shining as*

Bright shining as the sun (others echo)

Bass: *we've no less ways*

*We've no less ways to sing God's praise,
than when we first began (others echo)*

Bass: *Fill up my cup*

Others: *Fill up my cup, let it overflow*

} (x3)

Let it overflow with love (others echo)

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God,

We thank you for bringing us together in this place, to celebrate the recreation, the re-creation, of enjoying the fun and community of camping.

We thank you for all the people in our lives, and especially those who have gathered with us.

We also thank you for all of creation; the hills and trees, the rocks, the water, the animals of field and forest.

We thank you for your love for us; the love that we in turn share with one another.

Open our hearts to receive your word, to learn more about creation and your love.

Guide us in your love and the spirit of creation so that we might be examples for others to follow. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

▪ Readings: Matthew 16:21-28

24-26 Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

27 You'll get everything you have coming to you, a personal gift. This isn't pie in the sky by and by. (MSG)

SERMON/REFLECTION/MESSAGE/DISCUSSION

RESPONSE SONG: Draw the Circle Wide MV #145[†]

Refrain

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

*God the still-point of the circle
Round you all creation turns
Nothing lost but held forever
in God's gracious arms. Refrain*

*Let our hearts touch far horizons
So encompass great and small
Let our loving know no borders
Faithful to God's call. Refrain*

*Let the dreams we dream be larger
Than we've ever dreamed before
Let the dream of Christ be in us
Open every door! Refrain*

WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

Minute 4 Mackenzie

Song: Johnny Appleseed (x 2) †

*Oh, the Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord
For giving me the things I need
The sun, and the rain, and the apple seed.
The Lord is good to me.*

*For every seed I sow
will grow into a tree
And someday there'll be apples there
For everyone in the world to share
The Lord is good to me.
Johnny Appleseed. Amen (Anonymous)*

Offertory Prayer

Loving God,
accept the gifts of our time, talent, and tithes for the work of
your church, in this our camping community and beyond.
We share what we have so that the warmth and light of your love
will spread to everyone. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love, we can learn a lot from the cooperation and fun of
camp. In life, as at camp, learning and challenges become stepping
stones to our growing maturity. Thank you for surrounding all of us
with love, guidance and forgiveness.

*We turn away from you sometimes, and doubt you or stop seeking
to understand your terms, as opposed to our terms. So today, dear
God, our prayers for the people include ourselves and others like
us who need reminders about your commitment to us.*

Help us to take on a mantle of caring for all life—no matter what our differences are—so that we can make a real difference in the world. There are so many struggling for food or peace, for safety, or for the freedom to worship. We sometimes feel so helpless. Guide us to ways in which we can help those in need; open us to receive your teachings. Help us *let our little lights shine* by showing love to all.

Help us to accept changes in our understanding of your word that encourage deeper thinking, shifts in perspectives and understanding, which can all lead us to a stronger faith. Bless those who are struggling with physical or mental illness, those grieving losses of any kind, and those who are attempting to find honesty in relationships in social, family or work situations. God, help those who are suffering find strength in your love and feel renewed in their faith.

Invite online participants to say a personal prayer of thanksgiving for the Joys & Concerns in their lives.

Invite them to place their prayer request and concerns in the boat (real or imaginary) believing that in the same way the concerns are swept away by the current of the rivers, God will take it away from us.

Humbly, we ask your blessing on these our intensions as we release all our troubles to you...

*Together, we pray as Jesus taught his disciples then and us now
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.*

BLESSING & COMMISSION †

Let us go in peace to be agents of peace,
knowing that we never go alone,
for the grace of Jesus, the love of God,
and the peace of the Spirit are always with us.

DOXOLOGY: I am yours, you are mine (x3) †

I am yours, you are mine
Here's my cup, pour out the wine
Like a candle, you make me shine.
I am yours, you are mine.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for participating in today's worship, I pray you have been greatly blessed.

Remember to support and encourage each other and those who have any mobility or other human differences; call to buoy up their spirits, and/or pray for them and entrust them to the care of the divine.

Due to physical distancing caused by the Corona Virus, COVID 19, all church activities that require physical contact are suspended until further notice.

GIFTS & OFFERINGS

You may send us your gifts & offerings using the information below:

- Zion United Church @ to zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com
- St. Andrew's United Church @ standrewsunitedenderbybc@gmail.com
- Mission & Service Link: <https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/get-involved/giving-opportunities>

Those of you who are on PAR and those who mailed in the gifts and offerings thank you.

We are always happy to hear your comments and queries. If you have a prayer request you may use our social media message tabs or email them to ministerfranklyn@gmail.com

MUSIC & RESOURCE

Like A Rock More Voices #92

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Draw the Circle Wide MV #145

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Camp Classics

- Fires Burning
- Johnny Appleseed
- I am yours, you are mine
- Fill my cup

As long as we follow MV #140

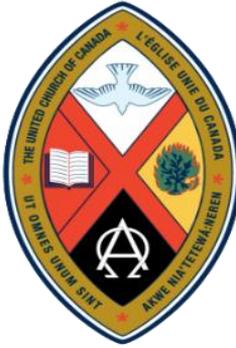
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