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10th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Welcome, Celebrations, Life and Work of the Community

The 68th Anniversary for Don & Marie Wasson

Acknowledgement of the Land:

As we gather, we acknowledge that we meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People. We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation. May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours.

Call to Worship:

One: Called to acknowledge our responsibility by the Holy.

All: Hopefully, we can acknowledge our place in the communities of which we are a part.

One: Called to listen to the stories of those whom we may have hurt or ignored as we have lived out our faith.

All: Hopefully, we can come together into relationships that allow us to grow in faith, acceptance, and love.

One: Let us worship.

All: Let us worship God. Amen.

Opening Hymn: VU271

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
- 2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.
- 3 There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that Christ has shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
- 4 Troubled souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?

5 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: As we celebrate our resurrection faith, the Spirit of the Holy blows among us and within us...

All: ...we are challenged to live our faith actively with compassion, as we live and learn together in the midst of Holy Grace.

One: In the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ...

All: ...Amen.

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a

Nola Wilson

^{11:26}When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, ¹²¹ and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹²For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." ¹³David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Young at Heart Time:

"Busted"

Psalm Selection: VU776

Psalm 51

One: God, I call to you for help,

All: in your mercy hear my prayer.

One: Have mercy on me, O God, in your great kindness,

All: in the fullness of your mercy blot out my offenses.

One: Wash away all my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.

All: For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is always before me.

One: God, I call to you for help,

All: in your mercy hear my prayer.

One: Against you, you only, I have sinned, and done evil in your sight,
All: so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless in your judgement.

One: Guilty I have been from my birth, a sinner from the time of my conception.
All: But you desire truth in our inward being, therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

One: Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean,
All: wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

One: Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness,
All: let the bones that we have crushed rejoice.

One: Turn away your face from my sins,
All: and blot out all my iniquities.

One: God, I call to you for help,
All: in your mercy hear my prayer.

One: Put a new heart in me, O God,
All: and give me again a constant spirit.

One: Do not cast me away from your presence,
All: do not take your holy spirit from me.

One: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and strengthen me with a willing spirit.
All: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

One: O God, open my lips,
All: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

One: God, I call to you for help,
All: in your mercy hear my prayer.

One: You desire no sacrifice, or I would give it;
All: you take a delight in burnt offerings.

One: The sacrifice you accept, O God, is a broken spirit;
All: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

One: God, I call to you for help,
All: in your mercy hear my prayer.

Music for Meditation

Gospel Lesson: John 6:24-35

Nola Wilson

^{6:24} So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves." ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

One: As the Holy One moves within and around us, the stories of our faith are filled with examples of God's grace and compassion.

All: May these stories inform, guide, transform, and challenge us as children of the Holy.

One: In the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ...

All: ...Amen.

Hymn: VU501

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

- 1 Break now the bread of life, Saviour, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O Living Word.
- 2 Bless your own truth, dear Christ, to me, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all-in-all.

Meditation:

"Coming Home to Roost"

The New Creed:

One: Let's share together in the New Creed:

**All: We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn: VU508

"Just as I Am"

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.2 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.4 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come. |
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Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

Dedication of Our Gifts

A Minute for Mission: *“Supporting Education on the Way to Reconciliation”*

Nola Wilson

When Alf Dumont’s Roman Catholic father and Anishinaabe mother asked the priest serving the Shawanaga reserve to marry them, the priest rejected their request, advising them to “marry someone of their own kind.” Nearby, a United Church minister had a different response. He told the couple he had just two rules: “If you have differences, talk them out and just try to get along.”

“Dad and Mom said ‘I think we can do that.’ They brought together First Nations understanding and non-First Nations understanding. That’s how I came to the church,” Dumont recounts in a United in Learning [webinar](#).

Dumont spent his life as a spiritual leader, serving the United Church as a minister while staying connected with his traditional Indigenous spirituality. His memoir *The Other Side of the River: From Church Pew to Sweat Lodge* shares stories of how Dumont walks between the two worlds of Indigenous and settler, traditional spirituality and Christianity.

“Part of the struggle with me in life was to find out who I was as Anishinaabe and who I was as French, Irish, and English mix,” Dumont shares. With a foot in both sides of the river, Dumont’s words eloquently draw together spiritual threads.

“There are seven truths in some of the Anishinaabe teaching: love, courage, respect, humility, truth, wisdom, and honesty. But you can’t have one of those teachings or truths without having the other. So you can’t have respect without love. You can’t have truth without humility,” explains Dumont. “I took those underlying teachings and applied them to the four teachings on love: Love God. Love your neighbour. Love your enemy. Love yourself. You can’t have one teaching without the other. You can’t love God if you don’t truly love yourself. You cannot love your neighbour unless you truly love God.”

In an [interview](#), *Broadview* magazine asked Dumont to weigh in on the future of reconciliation: “Part of the struggle has to do with learning to walk together again. It means being as open as we can,” he says. “You bring a gift that I don’t have; I bring a gift that you may not have. And as we share, we learn from the gifts that we have been given.”

Your gifts through Mission & Service help support the creation and publication of luminous, timely work like Dumont’s book as well as the webinar discussions and education events that follow. Through listening and learning, we take important steps forward on the journey toward reconciliation.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn: VU506

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

- 1 Take my life, and let it be
 consecrated, all for thee;
 take my moments and my days;
 let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
 at the impulse of thy love;
 take my feet, and let them be
 swift and purposeful for thee.

- 3 Take my lips, and let them be
 filled with messages from thee;
 take my intellect, and use
 every power as thou shalt choose.

- 4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: As our time together comes to an end...

All: ...the Spirit of the Creator stirs us to live faithfully and love openly as we celebrate a living, active faith!

One: As we journey together, we hope to transform our world into one of compassion, acceptance, and equality as we share the grace of the Holy.

All: In the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ, Amen and Amen!

Music as We Depart

Prayer Cycle

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world.

Regional Council Prayer Cycle
for the week of August 1, 2021

**Bath-Morven Pastoral Charge
Bath United Church, Bath
Morven United Church, Greater Napanee**

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

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