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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Christian Family Sunday

May 13, 2018

10:00 AM.

We Gather

Welcome

We are a caring, serving community,
faithfully journeying and trusting in the mystery that is God,
seeking joy, peace and justice for all.

Call To Worship: (Adapted from Bob Root, Peterborough, ON)

One: The time has come for worship, and so we have gathered;

All: Family and friends in the faith,

One: to bring the living of our lives as an offering
of thanksgiving to God.

All: We come as God's people.

We come as we are.

One: May this time be a time of giving thanks.

All: Come, let us worship God.



Gathering Hymn: *I Am the Light of the World*

VU 87

Life and Work of the Congregation

Lighting of Christ Candle:

One: As we light the Christ candle, we boldly proclaim:

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

One: In the midst of hopelessness, we open ourselves to
embrace hope;

All: for the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

One: In the face of death, we open ourselves to embrace life;

All: for the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

Centering Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie*

VU 602 vss 1&3

Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

Prayer of Approach:

Creator God, Nurturing God, we give thanks that in your love we are brought together as one family. We give thanks for each member of the family, for infants and children, for seniors and elders, for youth, and for adults. We give thanks for girls and boys, men and women, straight and gay, two spirited and transgender. May your spirit radiate in us, around us, and among us as we embrace your love and gather together as the Family of God. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

We Proclaim

Learning Together:

Song: *I'm Gonna Shout, Shout*

MV 183

Scripture Reading: John 17:6-19

Reflection: The Christian Family: Recalculating

Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

VU 642 vss. 1-3

Presenting our Gifts and Offerings:

Offertory

Our Sung Response: *Doxology*

VU 541

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: *Break Now the Bread of Life*

VU 501

Liturgy: Susan Lukey, High River United Church, High River, Alberta

The Lord is with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them to God.



Let us give thanks and praise,

For it is right to do so.

It is also right that, as we come to this table,
we declare what we believe:

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

*This do in
Remembrance of
Me*

Trusting in God...

and with those in every age who have opened their hearts

to sing this unending hymn:

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

heaven and earth are full of your glory,

hosanna in the highest.

Blessed Is the one that comes in the name of God,

hosanna in the highest.

...we gather around this table remembering another story:

**On the night Jesus accepted the path leading to death,
he came to the table with his disciples and friends.**

During the meal, Jesus took bread, lifted it to the heavens,
and gave thanks, then broke the bread and shared it
around the table saying:

Take eat, all of you.

This is my body, my whole being given to you.

Each time you share this bread, remember me.

Jesus also took the cup...then passed the cup around the table
saying:

Drink from this cup, all of you.

This is my blood, the essence of who I am poured out to you.

Each time you share this cup, remember me.

With wonder lighting our eyes, and mystery warming our hearts,
we declare:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Embracing the mystery of our faith, as a gathered community,
we name our purpose:

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.

Into the circle of God's presence...

bringing love so that others may know the truth that we embrace:

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us, we are not alone.

