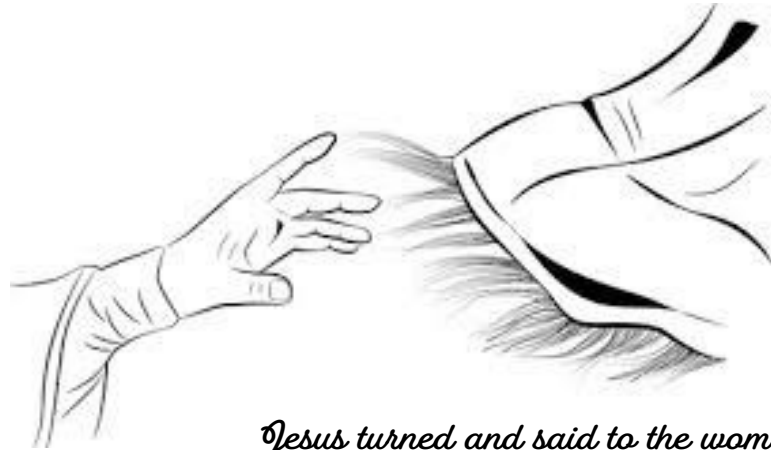


# Christ Church Gabriola

A Collaborative Anglican – United Church  
Open to All



*Jesus turned and said to the woman,  
“Take heart, daughter;  
your faith has made you well.”*

Matthew 9:22

Hybrid Worship  
**7 JUNE 2026**  
**PENTECOST II**

Presider: Rev Mona Smart  
Music: Frances Armstrong

*We acknowledge that these lands upon which we worship are the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

## *Words for Worship*

*Words of response are in bold & italics*

### Prelude

### Gathering Words

Today's gospel reading from Matthew presents Jesus' teaching about being called by God, how we are to live in relationship with all of God's children, especially with those who live on the margins of society, and on the vital power of faith.

### Acknowledgement of the Land

***We prayerfully acknowledge with thanksgiving that we gather on the unceded territories of the Snuneymuxw people. Gracious God, help us to seek a new relationship with the first peoples here, one based in honour and respect. Amen.***

### Call to Worship or The Collect

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

***And also with you.***

### Lighting of Candle

***As we worship together,  
may God's love bring joy to each and to all of us.  
may the refreshing wind of God's Spirit renew us.  
may the love of Jesus give us courage and strength  
to fully live each day.***

***We light this candle as we draw near to God and to one another.***

*Iona Worship Book*

### Opening Hymn: We Are One

**VU #402**

<sup>1</sup>We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.

<sup>2</sup>We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand  
there's a sense that God is here.

We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.

<sup>3</sup>We are one as we feast,  
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine  
there's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come,  
as we feed, we are fed;  
and we feel God's refreshing grace  
as we meet at table in this place.

<sup>4</sup>We are one as we hear,  
as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave,  
as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways  
as we move together from this place.

### **Prayer of Forgiveness**

*United Church, Voices United*

Gracious God,  
As people called to be your presence in the world, we search our hearts,  
and ask your forgiveness:

***For opportunities not taken, for care not given.***

***Forgive us we pray.***

***For sorrow not shared, for joy not celebrated,***

***Forgive us, we pray.***

***For love not offered, forgiveness not extended,***

***Forgive us, we pray.***

***For those failings we cannot speak aloud.***

***Forgive us, we pray.***

### **Assurance of Grace**

Most merciful God,

***We take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace. Amen.***

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*Anglican Church Book of Alternative Services*

***The Lord our God, the Lord is one,  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul,  
With all your mind,  
And with all your strength.  
This is the first and great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
These is no greater commandment than these.***

### **Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

### **Prayer Before the Reading of Scripture**

*Mona Smart*

***Holy Mystery, in the darkness and silence of our prayer you call to us. Help us to listen and to hear. Help us to respond.***

### **Scripture Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6 (NRSV)**

Reader: Betty Schultze

I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

“Come, let us return to the LORD,  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.  
After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.  
Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

## Gospel Reading

Reader: Betty Schultze

*As is your custom, please stand or sit for the reading of the gospel.*

### **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NRSV)**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

***Thanks be to God***

### **Word: A Reflection on Matthew**

### **Hymn of Response: Take, O Take Me As I Am**

**MV #85**

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

### **Life & Work of the Church**

### **Prayers of the People**

We pray to our God,  
***Hear our Prayers.***

Tim Leadem

## The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

**VU #959**

***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.  
Amen.***

### **Offering**

Let us now gather our offerings.

*(While offerings are gathered, quiet music is played. Monetary offerings are brought to the front and the congregation sings)*

### **Doxology**

**CP #669**

***Praise God the Source of life and birth,  
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.  
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.  
All Glory, honour to God's name.***

### **Prayer of Dedication**

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,  
we bring our gifts to you, O God.  
Help us to give with them a ready mind,  
a willing spirit,  
and a joyful heart.  
***Amen.***

### **Closing Hymn: God Be with You till We Meet Again**

**VU #423**

<sup>1</sup>God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

<sup>2</sup>God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

<sup>3</sup>God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

<sup>4</sup>God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threatening wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

### **Blessing & Sending**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

*And also with you.*

*May the Spirit of the Living God:*

*Go before us to show us the way;*

*Go above us to watch over us;*

*Go behind us to push us into places we might not go ourselves;*

*Go beneath us to uphold and uplift us;*

*Go beside us to be our strong and constant companion;*

*Dwell within us to remind us that we are not alone;*

*Amen.*

### **Postlude**

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