

Christ Church Gabriola

A Collaborative Anglican – United Church
Open to All



Hybrid Worship
5th Sunday after Pentecost
28 June 2026

Rev. Deborah van der Goes
Music: Ian Cox

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
The candle is lit to remind us of Christ the Light of the world

Prelude

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

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

Let us pray together

*God, by whatever name we call You...
however we experience You in our individual lives,
we come today ready to celebrate Your Presence.*

As we gather together, open our hearts to notice your voice.

*In the song of birds... in the rustle of leaves...
in the warmth of the sun... in the wetness of the rain.
In the wisdom of other peoples and cultures.
In our own longing for connection and Oneness.*

Thank you for this time of prayer, reflection and learning.

We come ready and grateful to receive You.

Confession and Forgiveness

*Before God, with the people of God,
I admit my fears and failings...
the way I wound my life, the lives of others,
and the life of the world*

May God forgive you; Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

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*With the whole church,
we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.
With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart
of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.*

With all creation,

We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing CP #354

¹Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.

²Here I make faith's affirmation:
thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

³O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

The Collect – Prayer of the Day

Faithful God,
your love stands firm from generation to generation,
your mercy is always abundant.
Give us open and understanding hearts,
that having heard your word,
we may seek Christ's presence in all whom we meet. **Amen.**

Prayer before the Reading of Scripture

O God, your Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love.

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ACC & UCC Sources

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Reader: Betty Schultze

Test of a true prophet

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Psalm 89:1-18 (sung as "O for a Thousand Tongues")

CP# 306

¹O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

²Jesus! the name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

³He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

⁴Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

⁵My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Romans 6:12-23

Reader: Betty Schultze

No longer under law but under grace

Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Readings

Reader: Deborah van der Goes

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

God be with you.

And also with you

The Good News of Jesus the Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Christ Jesus.**Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle"****VU #958*****Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*****Matthew 10:40-42***Welcome Christ in those Christ sends*

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple -- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Good News of Jesus the Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Christ Jesus.**Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle"****VU #958*****Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*****Sermon:****Affirmation of Faith**

Hear, O people of God,

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 greatest commandment.******The second is like it:******Love your neighbor as yourself.******There is no greater commandment than these.*****Life & Work of the Church****Prayers of the People**

Tim Leadem

We pray to our God,

Hear our Prayers.**Lords 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.*****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

*(You are invited to turn to those directly around you and share Christ's peace. Those on Zoom, please unmute and share with one another)***Offering** *(offering now to be collected and brought forward, quiet music)*

Offering Prayer

**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.**

Holy Communion

Assistants: Margaret and George

Invitation

Here is the table of the Lord.
We joyfully gather at the Lord's table, open to all.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and all places, give thanks and praise to you, Almighty and Merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts in heaven, we praise your holy name and join in their unending hymn.

Sanctus (sung)

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and gave thanks; and broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this to remember me.

And again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this to remember me.

CP #669

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

MV #204

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

With this bread and cup
We remember your Word
Dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth
In his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come Lord Jesus.

Holy God, We long for your Spirit,
Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy one of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
One God, now and forever

Amen

Breaking of the Bread

Loving God,

**as we break bread and share the cup,
we give thanks for the bread and the wine,
fruits of your earth and of our labour.
We commit ourselves to your service
and that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

We offer you, O God, this bread and this wine.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
That all who eat and drink at this table
And all the tables of the world
may be one body, one holy people

Communion is Shared

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table
Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

Lutheran Book of Worship

MV #203

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,

May our participation in these sacramental gifts transform us that we may live lives of thanksgiving and be faithful to your will.

Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace

CP # 352

¹Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found:
was blind, but now I see.

²'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

³The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

⁴Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

⁵When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Blessing For Here and at Home

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy
you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.

***May we who seek to listen to the Great Spirit
trust in your power to restore all things,
who gives life to all creation. Amen.***

Postlude

"If love is the soul of Christian existence, it must be at the heart of every other Christian virtue. Thus, for example, justice without love is legalism; faith without love is self-centeredness; forgiveness without love is self-abasement; fortitude without love is recklessness; generosity without love is extravagance; care without love is mere duty; fidelity without love is servitude. Every virtue is an expression of love. No virtue is really a virtue unless it is permeated, or informed, by love.

Richard Rohr