



Fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation

195th Anniversary - A Year of Sabbath: Rest ✦ Reset ✦ Renew

September 25, 2022, 10:30am

Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

We pray our worship together will be a time of rest, restoration, and renewal. Once in your pew, we invite you to open yourself to God through prayer and reflection. You may take time to concentrate on your breathing and consider the worries and hopes you bring with you today. You may choose to allow the beauty of the sanctuary to inspire personal prayer and reflection. You may also light a prayer candle in the north transept. This time of prayer and reflection is for you. Welcome it even as God welcomes you.

Wifi Password for FBCH Guest: youareloved

Prelude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ

Six Interludes pour Orgue - Denis Bédard

Ringling of the Trinity

Welcome

Paula Zanello Antunes

If joining on Facebook Live, we invite you to say hello to everyone by posting a comment to the live stream.

Season of Creation Introit - **For the Troubles and the Sufferings**

*For the troubles and the sufferings of the world,
God, we call upon your mercy;
the whole creation's labouring in pain!
We pray for peace,
the blessed peace that comes from making justice,
to cover and embrace us. Have mercy, Lord!*

*Lend an ear to the rising cry for help
from oppressed and hopeless people:
Come! Hasten your salvation, healing love!
We pray for power,
the power that will sustain your people's witness:
Until your Kingdom come, Kyrie eleison!*

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 61:10-11)

Dahrl Whitney

I will joyfully exult in the LORD, who is the joy of my soul!

My God clothed me with a robe of deliverance and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, the way a bridegroom puts on a turban and a bride bedecks herself with jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and a garden brings its seeds to blossom,

so the Exalted LORD makes justice sprout, and praise spring up before all nations.

***Prayer of Approach:**

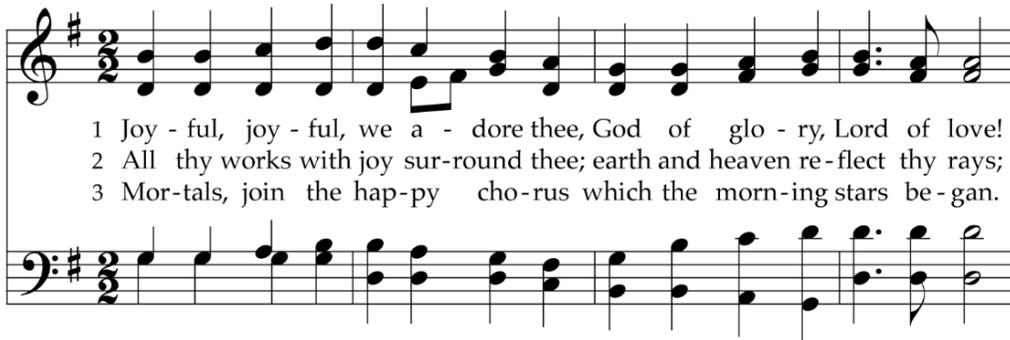
Covenant God, you have been faithful from the beginning of time and through the 195 years of our congregational story. Open our hearts by the influence of your Spirit that we may delight in the fellowship of our faith family; strengthen our wills by the work of your Spirit that we may be faithful in service to our neighbours, through Jesus Christ who clothes us in the liberating love of the Gospel. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

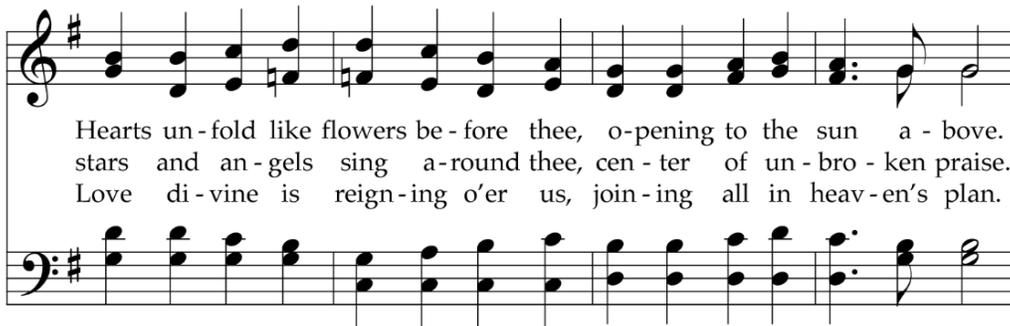
***Processional Hymn (next page)**

ADORATION

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



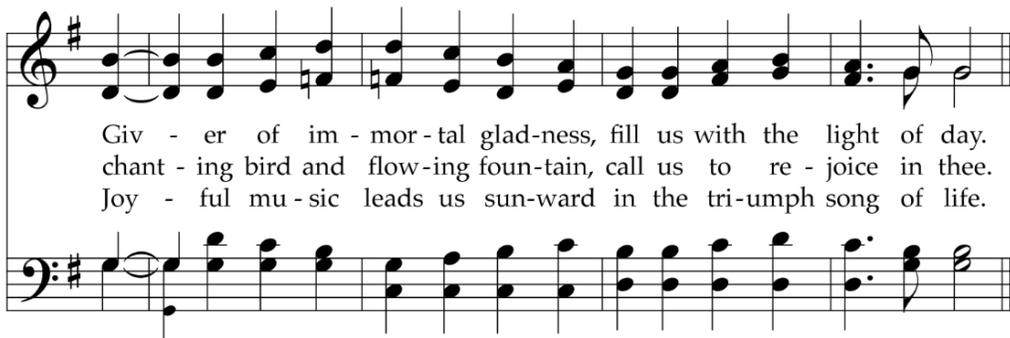
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY
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New Testament Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Dahrl Whitney

New Revised Standard Version

^{3:23}Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Children's Story

*Children going into Primary-Grade 6 are invited to go to Godly Play.
Today's Godly Play story: Creation*

***Doxology - OLD HUNDREDTH**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:3-4, 18-24; 39:7-15, 19-20; 41:14-16, 39-42

New Revised Standard Version

^{37:3}Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him... ¹⁸They [Joseph's brothers] saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' ²²Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit...

^{39:7}And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, 'Lie with me.' ⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, 'Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has

put everything that he has in my hand. ⁹He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?' ¹⁰And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, ¹²she caught hold of his garment, saying, 'Lie with me!' But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. ¹³When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴she called out to the members of her household and said to them, 'See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; ¹⁵and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.'... ¹⁹When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, 'This is the way your servant treated me', he became enraged. ²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison.

^{41:14}Then Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was hurriedly brought out of the dungeon. When he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. ¹⁵And Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.' ¹⁶Joseph answered Pharaoh, 'It is not I; God will give Pharaoh a favourable answer.'... ³⁹So Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. ⁴⁰You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command; only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you.' ⁴¹And Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.' ⁴²Removing his signet ring from his hand, Pharaoh put it on Joseph's hand; he arrayed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck.

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Spoken Reflection

Rusty Edwards

Stripped

Anthem

Sr. Choir

Earth Song -Ticheli

Anniversary Covenant Prayer

From Gathering for Worship a British Baptist Book of Worship

Lord, how strange it is that you should call us to be your Church, yet you have always worked through ordinary people in the working out of your purpose.

Through prophets and disciples, leaders and followers, preachers and musicians, you have called your people, that your redeeming love might work through them.

Above all, in Jesus your Word has become flesh and a human being has lived your will. He has died for us and you have raised him for us, that he might be our foundation and our head.

Fill us with his love, that we might truly be his disciples.

On our church's 195th Anniversary, we rededicate ourselves now to being your people.

Accept our worship and our prayers, our intentions and our gifts.

All has come from you and now, as we pray, your Spirit prompts us and empowers us. Grant us your grace that we might be faithful to our calling as your Church.

Deepen our faith, strengthen our love, and increase our hope that we might be an offering to you and to our neighbours; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray, saying:

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, 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.

***Recessional Hymn (next page)**

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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SINE NOMINE
 10.10.10 with alleluias

Benediction**Rusty Edwards****Amen****Postlude****Natasha Sider, Leander Mendoza, soloists***Sub tuum praesidium (fr. Coronation Mass) -W.A. Mozart**Translation: Beneath Thy mercy, we take refuge, O blessed One***Anniversary Reception**

195th Anniversary Reception

Hosted by the FBCH Auxiliary

Join at the back of the sanctuary as we celebrate 195 years of congregational life and look to our future with joyful anticipation.

We celebrate today with two cakes.

The first cake is cut by Garnet Colwell in celebration of our congregation's brilliant history.

The second cake is cut by Paula and Matheus Antunes in celebration of our congregation's brilliant future.



Offerings

All contributions to FBCH support our mission and ministry and are greatly appreciated. Many choose to give by setting-up recurring contributions. You may also give to FBCH by making an e-transfer or by giving on-line through a link on our website. You can go to our website www.fbchalifax.ca and click on the Ways to Give link on our homepage for instructions on how to give.

Truth & Reconciliation

Each Sunday, we list one of the Calls to Action issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. These Calls to Action remind us of Jesus' calling to love God and love our neighbours. May they guide us to put loving justice into action.

Reconciliation: Equity for Aboriginal People in the Legal System

51. We call upon the Government of Canada, as an obligation of its fiduciary responsibility, to develop a policy of transparency by publishing legal opinions it develops and upon which it acts or intends to act, in regard to the scope and extent of Aboriginal and Treaty rights.



Thank you to our live stream worship leaders

Dahlr Whitney, Deacon

Jean Ferguson, Coordinator of Congregational and Community Engagement

Rhonda Schofield, Interim Minister of Faith Development

Lynette Wahlstrom, Director of Music

Paula Zanello Antunes, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Coordinator

Rusty Edwards, Senior Minister



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The story of the early church in the New Testament is a story of the ever-expanding circle of those included in the community of Jesus. We believe that circle expands to include all people.

Because we are followers of Jesus, First Baptist Church Halifax welcomes all people into the full life of the church community. This means we will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, age, race, national or ethnic origin, colour, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or economic circumstances.

We really do want you to join us. Our diversity helps us all expand our understandings of God.

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