



Summer Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026 | 10:30am

Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

Prayer candles are available in the north transept if you would like to light one as part of your prayer this morning.
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*Stand as you are able

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Prelude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ

Hymn Miniatures -Rebecca Groom Te Velde

Ringing of the Trinity

We Gather in the presence of God - Creator, Christ, and Spirit

Welcome

Paula Zanello Antunes

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

Gathering Song

God Welcomes All

399

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMBA AMEN

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Childcare is provided at this time - Godly Play resumes September 8

***Summoning Prayer**

Words in third stanza are from Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

Gather us in... from homes and from cottages, from work and from play, that we might rest in the company of friends.

Gather us in... from sandy beaches and waterfront boardwalks, from peaceful porches and tourist-filled sidewalks, that we might celebrate life as the people of Jesus.

Gather us in... to remember good news: As long as you are on the earth and you know it, you are where you are supposed to be. You have everything you need to ground yourself in God.

As we rest and celebrate, may we discover wonder in creation, humility in our knowing, and joy in the gift of being alive. Amen.

*** Hymn (next page)**

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshipers' experience.

Summer Reading from Job 38-42

Through the summer, we will read the closing chapters in the book of Job. These chapters depict Job waking-up to the world around him as God presents Job a new and more expansive vision of God, humanity, and Creation. God speaks not with answers or explanations, but with invitations to notice: notice the dawn, notice the rain, notice the stars, notice the ostrich, notice Leviathan. What emerges is not a solution to suffering, but a re-enchantment of the world.

Job 39:9-18

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^{39:9}“Is the wild ox willing to serve you?

Will it spend the night at your crib?

¹⁰Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?

¹¹Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?

¹²Do you have faith in it that it will return
and bring your grain to your threshing floor?

¹³“The ostrich’s wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.

¹⁴For it leaves its eggs to the earth
and lets them be warmed on the ground,

¹⁵forgetting that a foot may crush them
and that a wild animal may trample them.

¹⁶It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear;

¹⁷because God has made it forget wisdom
and given it no share in understanding.

¹⁸When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

*Doxology - OLD HUNDRETH

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

Donations

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Gospel Parable: Matthew 13:44

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^{13:44}“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

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.**

Reflection: Summer Practices Series

Rusty Edwards

The Practice of Walking on the Earth

Invitation to the Holy Feast

Prayers of the People

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.**

Sharing the Holy Feast

Gluten free crackers are available on a small plate beside the bread

***Hymn (next page)**

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

Benediction

Rusty Edwards

Sending Song

841 As You Go Out from Here

SENDING SONG Irregular

Capo 3: (D) (D/F#) (G)
 F F/A Bb

As you go out from here, may the Lord go
 with you. The face of God shine on you ev - 'ry day.
 We are sent by God wher - ev - er we are liv - ing,
 salt and light as peo - ple of the Way.

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Postlude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Piano

Let Us Break Bread Together -arr. John Carter



SUMMER @ FBCH

10:30am
Sunday Worship

July 18
Walk with us in the
Halifax Pride Parade

Office Closed:
July 1 - Canada Day | August 3 - Natal Day

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