



Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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. For more information about the life of FBCH, visit our website: fbchalifax.ca or like us on social media.

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Prelude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ

Andante/Allegro fr. Sonata op. 65 no. 5 -F. Mendelssohn

Welcome

Hillary Raley

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

Bread of Life Ministries

Rob Pattison

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

Ringling of the Trinity

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

*Call to Worship:

Jeremiah Hockaday

From Iona Abbey Worship Book

We gather in your presence, God,

in our need,

and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

and you know by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;

we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because you have invited us;

and you have promised never to turn us away.

*Prayer of Approach:

Eternal God, here let your word come alive in our hearing; here let our concern respond to your compassion. Here let hope lead a path through heaviness; here may your kingdom come. Amen.

*Processional Hymn (next page)

**Stand as you are able*

All Who Love and Serve Your City 351

1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the

bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our

peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

TEXT: Erik Routley, 1966

MUSIC: *The United States Sacred Harmony*, 1799; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:1-4

Jeremiah Hockaday

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

8:1 When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him, 2 and there was a man with a skin disease who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." 3 He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be made clean!" Immediately his skin disease was cleansed. 4 Then Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Children's Hymn

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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Children's Story

Rusty Edwards

*Blessing of the Children

Beloved children of our church family: may God's Spirit be with you as you enter into the stories of our faith; may your imaginations be opened to encounter God's love for you and all the world; and may you be formed to care for others as you discover the Way of Jesus. Amen.

Children going into Primary-Grade 6 are invited to go to Godly Play.

Today's formation activities: Music and Godly Play Story

***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.

Donations

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Old Testament Reading: 2 King 5:5-14

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

^{5:5}Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master because by him The Eternal had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of The Eternal his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Spoken Reflection

Rusty Edwards

Don't Make it Difficult

Anthem

Sr. Choir

He Watching Over Israel (fr. Elijah) -F. Mendelssohn

“ He watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps. Shouldst thou walking in
grief languish, He will strengthen thee.”

Prayers Of the People

Thomas Beech

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)**

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

TEXT: Rusty Edwards, 1985, alt.

MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; ham. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904
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Benediction

Rusty Edwards

Amen

Postlude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ

Allegro maestoso fr. Sonata op. 65, no. 5 -F. Mendelssohn

The Week Ahead at FBCH

For details go to fbchalifax.ca or read News Notes

Sunday, October 18th

10:30am - Sunday Worship; Sanctuary

11:45am - University Student Lunch; Parlour

Tuesday, October 20th-27th

12:00pm (Noon)- Online Harvest Auction; Online

Wednesday, October 21st

6:00pm - 8:00pm-Jazz Vespers; Sanctuary

Thursday, October 22nd

7:00pm - Choir Practice; Sanctuary

Sunday, October 25th

10:30am - Sunday Worship; Sanctuary

11:45am -Youth Group; Parlour



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