

WORSHIP PLAN
Sunday, May 6th, 2018
Foothills United Church, Calgary
6th Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Prelude Music
Bill Bradley plays

Greeting
Presider: Sheila Clayden

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship
Jesus said to the disciples, "Wait!"

What are we waiting for?

We're waiting for the Spirit!

The power of the Most High!

Where shall we wait?

We'll wait right here. "Right in the city."

How will we know when our waiting is done?

Oh, you'll know.

How will we know?

The Spirit of God is a spirit of change.

The Spirit of God is a spirit of hope.

The Spirit of God is a spirit of abundant life.

You'll know!

As we wait for the Spirit,

What should we do?

Let us do what we do at all times,

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in all places.

Let us worship God!

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Opening Prayer

Let us pray:

**As we come together,
as people of the Christ,
we ask for your Spirit to fill us, O God.
In the waiting times, change us.
In the living times, love us.
In the holy times, heal us.
Then help us to be healers,
lovers, and changers of your creation. Amen.**

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Hymn: Voices United #211
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Passing of the Peace

All stand as able, to greet one another:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Centering Music

Put Peace into Each Other's Hands
More Voices #173 (verse 1)

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LISTENING

New Testament: Acts 1:1-11

**Responsive Reading:
Psalm 98. Voices United #818
Refrain 1**

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

**Hymn: "Listen, God is calling"
More Voices #97**

Prayer of Illumination
Join with us, Living God,
as we meet around your word
and reflect upon it.
Encourage us, inspire us! Amen.
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Reflection

Responding

**Hymn: "Deep in Our Hearts"
More Voices #154**

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Prayers of the People

Prayer Candles

All may come forward as invited
to light a candle as a prayer,

**The Lord's Prayer (Sung)
Voices United #959**

Gift of Music
Joanna Busch
"I Believe"

Offering Invitation

Remember the words of Jesus who said:
"Freely you have received, freely give."
With joy, let us present offerings of commitment
and support for the work of Christ's church.

Celebrate God's Presence
OP001 (Matt 10:8b) and OP002,
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**Hymn: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings
Flow"
Voices United #541**

**Dedication Prayer
Glory to you!**

**Honour and praise!
Wisdom and power and blessing
Receive this offering**

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**for the good of your church
and for our ministry
to our brothers, sisters, and siblings
beyond this place
even to the ends of the earth. Amen.**

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Communion

“Bread of Life, Feed My Soul”
(music only) More Voices #194

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 that we should praise you,
gracious God, for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:
male and female you create us.

When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people

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from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets you renewed
your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give you thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time,
you sent your child Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the Mother and Father of us all.

He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the Good News of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

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On the night he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and after giving thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples.

And said, "Take eat:
this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and after giving thanks,
gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me."

Gracious God,
by the death of your child
you have destroyed the power of death,
and by raising him to life
you have given us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,

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we offer you, O God, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit,
the spirit that was promised before Jesus ascended to
the heavens.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body, one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer G, Celebrate God's Presence
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Sending

News, Plans, Birthdays

All may be seated
(please come to the microphone with your
announcements)

Hymn: "Breathe on me, breath of God"
Voices United #382

Blessing

Organ Postlude

Bill Bradley

We pause to listen before we share coffee