

Nashwaaksis United Church

Sunday October 22nd - 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Colour: Green

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Prayer Requests

Lighting The Christ Candle: God's light shined before the first stars. It persists across millenia and continues to shine in us today. Like God's light, God's presence with creation has persisted through slavery and wandering, with kings and prophets, through Christ and with us. May God's light guide us and God's presence encourage us.

Gathering: Let Us Build A House MV 1 (vs 3 & R)

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:**

Refrain:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

Greeting (Responsive):

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you

Acknowledgement of Place

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Call to Worship (Responsive):

God's presence is with us in this time and space.

God's presence is with us throughout the entirety of our lives!

May we sing with passion the songs of faith.

May we dance the dance of creation!

Guided by that presence, that Spirit, may we pray and serve.

Guided by that presence, that Spirit, our very lives become an act of worship!

Opening Prayer:

Shepherding God, your voice has called us together, and continuously calls us along the way. Send your Spirit into this time, into your people and fill us with a passion for the faith that we have found in your son and our brother Jesus Christ. Make us bold proclaimers and sharers of your love and grace in all that we do. Remind us

in the holy stories that we read, that you are the ruler in our hearts, our partner in creation, our companion on the way. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of Jesus Christ, our friend and guide. AMEN

Hymn: Here I am Lord VU 509

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

We admit, O God, that we don't always know what you are looking for. Your scriptures and your son have taught us so much, but often we choose to go our own way, walk our own path. Forgive us when we offer endless words, when silence would do. Forgive us when we think that strength is of more value than vulnerability. Forgive us when we stand still, when your song of creation calls us to dance. Help us to see with your eyes, to embrace with your love, to dance with joy when your Spirit moves in us. Forgive us. Transforma us. Help us to grow in you. This we pray in the name of Christ, our eternal dance partner. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love:

The good news for us is that God's song never ends. We can always join in the dance of creation and of celebration of God's presence. Even when we think we aren't the voices God needs, or the dancers God wants, the Spirit call us one and all.

A New Creed (Unison):

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Music Ministry:

Scripture:

Mark 11:8-10

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Time For The Young And Young At Heart

Hymn: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet VU 24

Message: God's Presence With God's Chosen

RESPONDING TO WITH PRAISE

Hymn: Come touch our hearts MV 12

Mission & Service Stories

Dedication Verse: Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Bless, O God, this time of worship. Bless the gifts that we share to build your kingdom. Bless our voices as we lift our praise to you. Bless our feet, and guide us to places in need of your love and grace. Bless all that we are and all that we bring, O Generous God, and inspire us to be a blessing to others. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of Christ, our brother. AMEN

Prayers Of The People & The Prayer Of Christ

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

Hymn: The Church is Wherever VU 579

Commissioning (Responsive):

Go now and join in the song of creation!

**We will lift our voices in love and support,
we will reach beyond our walls and comfort zones,
we will follow the Spirit into the unknown.**

Go with praise and thanksgiving,

for God who calls us in and sends us out!

Benediction

Go now with the love of God in your hearts, the peace of Christ in your hands, and with the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share the good news you have heard this day. AMEN

Closing Music: Peace Be With You MV 215

**Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you my friends.
Till we meet again,
may God be with you.
Peace, peace, peace.**

Postlude