

Nashwaaksis United Church

Sunday, October 6th, 2024 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Colour: White - World Communion Sunday

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Place

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Music: *Lord, Prepare Me* MV 18 (X2)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,
Sanctuary for you.**

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.

Gathering Words (Responsive):

The God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob be with you.

And with your spirit.

In times of thanksgiving and in times of uncertainty, lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord, trusting in God's mercy and love.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, even when we stray.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise, for God's love is steadfast.

Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* VU 288

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Creation MV 203

**O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your Grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears Your name always.**

Remembering Jesus at Table (Responsive):

Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

**he shared food with followers and friends,
with saints and sinners,
with crowds of thousands on the hillside,
and a few friends in an upper room.**

On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions.

He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

"Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

Prayer of Self-Giving

Affirmation of Hope MV 204

**Sing Christ has died
and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
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and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

A New Creed (Unison) - VU 918

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

Sung Prayer of Illumination: *Teach Me God VU 299 (vs 4 and refrain)*

**Teach me God to know you, hear you when you speak,
See you in my neighbour when we meet.**

Refrain:

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.**

Scriptures Readings:

Luke 23:34-38

Exodus 32:1-14

This is the Word of God.

Praise be to you, our Creator!

Message: *The Idols That Claim Us*

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE

Hymn: *Your Hand O God Has Guided* VU 274

Dedication Verse: *For The Gift of Creation* VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

**Prayer for Transformation and Blessing
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

Great Amen MV 205

**Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and amen!
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Breaking & Pouring (Responsive):

Jesus Christ,
the Bread of Life.
Jesus Christ,
the True Vine.

Sharing the Meal (Responsive):

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
**Together we share in the body of Christ, bread for the journey
Together we share in the blood poured out, the cup of
blessings.**
Come now, for all has been made ready.

****Sharing the meal****

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

Hymn: *Worship the Lord* VU 401

Commissioning (Responsive):

The shadows of the world are not gone,
but God's light goes before us.
We won't always choose the right way to go,
but Christ will always be beside us.
We may not know how to respond to the troubles of the world,
**but the Holy Spirit will continue to move in and speak through
us.**

Benediction

Choral Closing: *God be With You* VU 422 (vs 1 and refrain)