

Refrain:

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

Enter these gates, thanks giving.

Enter these courts with praise.

Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.

Worship your God with a song!

Refrain

Ages through endless ages,

seasons of endless years,

the love of our Maker ever shall endure.

Worship your God with a song!

Refrain

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (*responsively*)

...We are not like a horse or a mule, Holy One, needing a bridle and bit to be brought forward. We come willingly. Ready to learn from our mistakes.

We just need some guidance and trust it will come through your love—as it always has.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Jesus Loves Me" VU #365 (vs. 1)

Jesus loves me, this I know,

For the bible tells me so;

Little ones to him belong,

In his love we shall be strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER** (*responsively*)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY (*with those of all ages*)

Luke 8:26-28

***SINGING A SONG** – "Sweetgrass and Candle" (*by John Oldham*)

Sweetgrass and candle, the peace pipe and bible,

the stories of elders and beat of the drum;

these are the symbols of hope, faith and justice.

We gather in circle affirming we're one.

Welcome the stranger for he is our brother

and she is our sister of mother earth.

Care for creation for all life is sacred

and we are united by vision's rebirth.

Join in the circle that will have no ending,

for we are all equal and loved in God's sight.

Praise the Great Spirit! We gather as family

to sing of Love's freedom and dance with delight!

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PRESENTING

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Sandra Boone

Callie Doucet

Tessa Doucet

Carter Lavigne

Kerissa Sullivan

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Carter Lavigne

Based on 1 Kings 19:1-15a

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER *Jennifer Oliver-Lavigne*

MESSAGE *(to the Graduates)* *Torey Smith*

EXTENDING APPRECIATION *Jennifer Oliver-Lavigne*

DUET – “Gather Me” *Gifted by Isabel & John Clouston*

Keep On
*Graduation is a successful ending
and an exciting beginning.
If you keep on learning, keep on dreaming, keep on doing,
you'll travel towards your goals until you get there.
Keep up the good work.
You can do it!*
By Joanna Fuchs

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***OFFERING PRAYER** *(in unison)*

**Holy One, we pray,
bless these gifts we share:
gifts of time, talent, and treasure.
May they reflect our shared joy and hopes
for the beautiful earth in which we live,
including its varied and gifted inhabitants.
Amen**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(responsively)*

...for those who speak truth on behalf of the oppressed, for all who bear witness to Christ's way.

We give thanks, Blessed One.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – VU #921 (Ecumenical Version) *(in unison)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “Wherever You May Go” – MV #216

*Refrain
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.*

Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
we will travel side by side
and God's love will be our guide.

Refrain

From beginning to the end
I will always be your friend,
when you need me, I'll be there,
you can trust my faithful care.

Refrain

*Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.*

***BLESSING**

***RECESSIONAL** - "Land of Hope and Glory"

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

POSTLUDE



Church News

The summer church office hours are now in effect – open Monday to Thursday – 9 AM to 3 PM. The office will be closed on Fridays until after the Labour Day weekend.

Peanut Butter Update - As of June 16th, 2022, 165 jars of Peanut Butter has been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center and \$1,080 in cash donations has allowed us to purchase 226 jars that have been dropped off directly at the Centre. Peanut butter can be dropped off at the church office anytime during office hours. We have an additional \$50+ collected for the next group purchase. **Our goal is 900 jars for the year** and we currently have 391.

Purses Plus – The Community Outreach Sub Team extends thanks to all who generously contributed supplies to our new project. In fact, the response has been so positive that 4 deliveries have been made to Passage House & were received with gratitude.

Passage House currently has sufficient toys for children, but would appreciate books in both languages. They always need hand sanitizer along with baby supplies (wipes/diapers/shampoo/etc.). Thank you again.

Ways & Means Team will meet on Monday, June 27th at 9:00 AM in the Ruth Morrison Room.

Community Outreach Team will meet on Tuesday, June 28th at 10:00 AM in the Ruth Morrison Room.

Community News

New Bandon Stonehaven Union Annual Cemetery Service will be held Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 2 PM at the community chapel in Stonehaven. The offering from this service is used to maintain the cemetery and or chapel. Please indicate how you would like your contribution to be used. Donations to the chapel or cemetery fund will be receipted.



A Graduation Blessing

*Embarking on a journey which began some time ago,
how could you have imagined all the things
you'd come to know.*

*You learned to use each challenge as an opportunity,
to overcome each problem, despite adversity.*

*It wasn't always easy keeping up with what was "cool", but
you held on tight to your beliefs
and carried them through school.*

*You found your voice and chose a path that honors
who you are, and that, I think, may be
your greatest lesson learned thus far.*

*For no one could be prouder of the person you've become,
and that is why we're confident that
the best is yet to come.*

*May you never waste a moment
"wishing" life was not unfair.
Rather use the gifts God gave to you,
to change the world out there.*

*Your Graduation signals us that you are on your way,
so spread your wings and fly my dear, forever and a day!*

By Barbara D. MacAdam



Graduation 2022

Callie Doucet

Tessa Doucet

Carter Lavigne

Kerissa Sullivan

Guest Speaker

Torey Smith

Special music provided today by:

Vocalists:

John & Isabel Clouston

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(New Revised Standard Version)*

1 KINGS 19:1-15A

1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow."

3 Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."

6 He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

7 The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."

8 He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

9 At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake;

12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

15^a Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus..."

LUKE 8:26-39

26 Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

27 As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—

29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.

33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.

35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

