

**The United Church of Canada
Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council
Lennoxville United Church**

Order of Worship 10 a.m.

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Worship Leaders: The Gathered Community

YouTube Description Box: Welcome to Lennoxville United Church! We invite you to join your hearts with those of us who are gathered in the sanctuary. Today we have a lot to celebrate as we continue to build community together as Lennoxville United Church. The service will begin in the upper hall for the dedication of Shirley's Welcome plaque, then after we encounter the Word together, we will celebrate a special baptism, and welcome 4 new members into our community of faith. We trust that by joining our hearts in the presence of the Holy Spirit, we are United in Christ.

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Link to the YouTube Live beginning at 10am: <https://youtu.be/hUc1GR90oLY>

We Gather

(In the Upper Hall)

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL: Remembering the Gift of Shirley Bassett

Opening Prayer

Giver of all good gifts, it is by your power that all things are made holy.

We give you thanks for your marvelous wonders, and for the work of human hands.

Be with us now as we remember the gift of our sister Shirley.

May this plaque welcome people into the sanctuary, just as Shirley welcomed all who came through this door.

We ask for your blessing, may we be humble hosts, welcoming all who enter.

May your face shine upon what we do here this day, that all might draw nearer to you and praise you. Amen.

Presentation of the Memorial by Esther Barnett

In honour of Shirley's welcome,

We place this plaque to be a sign of welcome into this sanctuary of God's hope and love.

We dedicate this gift to the glory and praise of God.

Words of Dedication

In the name of God, who is love, Christ, love incarnate, and the Holy Spirit, love's power, we dedicate this memorial to the glory of God.

With gratitude and reverence, we dedicate this memorial to the glory of God.

For the wonder of hospitality and for the sake of all God's people, we dedicate this memorial to the glory of God.

In remembrance of Shirley Bassett, we dedicate this memorial to the glory of God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. Creator God, source of all inspiration and beauty,

we thank you for this reminder of our call to welcome, now dedicated to the glory of your name.

May your Holy Spirit guide us in reverent and loving use of all things, remembering always your great gifts to us. Amen.

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (VU232)

(procession into the Sanctuary)

Statement of our Seeking Right Relations

Introit: When I See Jesus (Whitney V. Myers)

Gathering Prayer

Ground us in you, O Sacred Spirit, for you are the wellspring from which our lives flow.

You are the river of delight that buoys up our spirits.

You are the limitless depths of goodness and grace in whose gentle currents we pass our days.

Even when we forget to notice your encompassing love, it sustains us. Therefore, with gratitude, we answer your Spirit's summons, and with thanksgiving, come to worship you, in the name of Jesus, your Anointed One. Amen.

Anthem: Hallelujah (G.F. Handel) soloist Eleanor Gang

To Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Revealing God, your message comes to us in words that have been passed down for millennia. Yet we hear them as ever fresh and new. Help us reflect on them through the lens of both history and contemporary experience. May they guide, inspire, and provoke. We pray in the name of the ever-living Christ. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

One: The Living Word for us this day.

All: We listen with our hearts, our minds and our spirits.

Read by Esther Barnett

Sermon: Building Community Together

And to Respond

Anthem: The Lord is My Strength (by Handel)

duet: Eleanor Gang and Anna Sui Yongzhen

Hymn: O God of Life VU446 v1-2

Sacrament of Baptism

Rev: In baptism, we symbolize and celebrate the grace and the love of God for all people. The act of baptism does not confer that love. It acknowledges God's love in sacramental celebration. All who make the promises of baptism, such as parents and congregation, renew their commitment to that love and its expression in their lives. Through baptism, a particular identity is proclaimed for the baptized as a member of the Body of Christ, the Christian Church.

Presentation of the Family:

Sandy Davidson: On behalf of the community of faith here at Lennoxville United, I would like to present **Kyle Achilles Fournier**, child of Dan and Lu, for the sacrament of baptism.

Rev: Dan and Lu, we celebrate your desire to bring your child to this community of faith, we celebrate the hope that a child brings into this world, and we celebrate the wonder and love that one child can inspire.

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating; in Jesus Christ, love incarnate; and in the love that works in us and others by the Holy Spirit?

I do, by the grace of God.

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Saviour and Lord?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live respect in creation, and love and serve others?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you share your faith with *Kyle* growing with her in faith, hope and love?

I will, God being my helper.

Knowing that the task of raising a child is made better with help, Dan and Lu have asked Jeffrey Fournier and Sherry Chase to stand with them in making this commitment of faith. So I ask you both, Will you grow in faith with this child, trusting that, "you are not alone, you live in God's world?"

I will, God being my helper.

Congregational Commitment (please rise)

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and to offer God's gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care of the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

We do, by the grace of God.

(The water is poured into the font, by Sandy Davidson)

Sandy Davidson: Dearest Kyle this is an important day for Lennoxville United Church. Today you are baptized into this Christian community as Christians have been for 2000 years. These people here today are making a commitment to help raise you and to help you grow as a Christian. We will be here when the world tells you that you are not rich enough, or tall enough, or successful enough, or smart enough, or important enough. These people, the people of Lennoxville United, will love you as God loves you. You are a child of God, a gift of creation, a joy to behold, a face of the Creator. So what does this water mean? It means that Lennoxville United Church and the United Church of Canada is here for you. We are praying for you and cheering you on so that you can be the person that God has made you to be. The water means that God is always with you forever and always.

Rev: Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

As a baptized and baptizing people, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.

May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

Amen.

Baptism, Anointing, and the Light of Christ

Choral Blessing: May God Who Creates You VU454

Hymn: O God of Life VU446 v3

Statement of Faith: A Song of Faith

"Grateful for God's loving action, We cannot keep from singing.

With the Church through the ages, we speak of God as one and triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We also speak of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer God, Christ, and Spirit Mother, Friend, and Comforter

Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love, and in other ways that speak faithfully of the One on whom our hearts rely, the fully shared life at the heart of the universe.

We witness to Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love."

"We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untamable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world."

“We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ’s presence in the world.

We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, loving what he loved, living what he taught, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place.

Our ancestors in faith bequeath to us experiences of their faithful living; upon their lives our lives are built.

Our living of the gospel makes us a part of this communion of saints, experiencing the fulfillment of God’s reign even as we actively anticipate a new heaven and a new earth.”

Let Us Recognize Old & New Friends as New Members

(Invite the 4 new members to come to the front)

New Members: Yes, that is my wish.

Graham, Marie-Eve, Ron, and Gordon, will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in union with this community of faith?

I will, with God’s help.

Will you pledge your spiritual, social and financial support to this community of faith?

I will, with God’s help.

Congregation:

Will you who are members of this faith community who are witnessing these promises, share the joys and sorrows, and do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ: if so answer “We will.”

Congregation: We will.

Will you welcome Graham, Marie-Eve, Ron, and Gordon into this family of Lennoxville United Church, embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Will you recognize that their presence and participation affects the shape of this body and will help it grow in new ways? Will you support them in their journeys, and assist them in their ministries?

Congregation: Yes! Yes! Yes!

Prayer:

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other, to support each other. That by our common life in this community we may come to know and serve you and all our sisters and brothers, in Jesus name, we pray.

Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers VU580

Announcements and Thank-yous

Commissioning

Hymn: Let Us Build a House MV1

Final Blessing

Choral Benediction: May the Peace of God
(Stuart Townend and Keith Getty)
Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in F Major (J.S. Bach)

OP: CGP: 13G001, pg.586. (redacted by Linda D. Buchanan, Lennoxville United Church, May 2022.)
SRR: Susan Lukey, Gathering L/E 2017 (Year A), pg.77-81.
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FB: Linda D. Buchanan, Christ Church United, November 2013.

Announcements

Sunday May 29th 10am
Celebration of the ministry of Lennoxville United Church and Rev. Linda Buchanan.
Refreshments to be served in the Lower Hall after worship.

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