

GRACE UNITED CHURCH

September 17, 2023, 10:30 am

Camp Bimini Service

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Warm-up: Campfire Songs

"Do Lord"

Do Lord, o do Lord, o do you remember me? (3x)

Look away beyond the blue.

I got a home in glory land that shines the sun (3x)

Do Lord, o do Lord, o do you remember me? (3x)

Look away beyond the blue.

I took Jesus as my saviour, you take him too (3x)

Do Lord, o do Lord, o do you remember me? (3x)

Look away beyond the blue.

"Kumbaya"

Kumbaya, my lord, kumbaya (3x)

O Lord, kumbaya.

Someone's sleeping, Lord Kumbaya (3x)

O Lord, Kumbaya.

Someone's singing, Lord Kumbaya (3x)

O Lord, Kumbaya.

Someone's dreaming, Lord Kumbaya (3x)

O Lord, Kumbaya.

Someone's crying, Lord Kumbaya (3x)

O Lord, Kumbaya.

Someone's laughing, Lord Kumbaya (3x)

O Lord, Kumbaya.

Come by here, my Lord, come by here (3x)

O Lord, come by here.

Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledgement of the Land

Call to Worship: (a cappella)

The more we get together,

Together, together,

Oh, the more we get together,

The happier we'll be.

For your friends are my friends,

And my friends are your friends.

Oh, the more we get together,

The happier we'll be!

Opening Hymn: Seek Ye First (round - Marilynne and Marg)

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 3 We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

Prayer of Approach:

O Great Spirit, whose voice we hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us! We are small and weak – we need your strength and wisdom.

Let us walk in beauty, and may our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

May our hands respect the things you have made and may our ears be keen to hear your voice.

Make us wise so that we may understand your teachings. And may we learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Amen. Adaptation of a Traditional Native Prayer

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Time with the Children

Song for the Young at Heart:

“He’s (She’s) Got the Whole World”

1. He’s got the whole world in his hands
He’s got the big wide world in his hands
He’s got the whole world in his hands
He’s got the whole world in his hands.

2. She’s got you and me, brother in her hands
She’s got you and me, sister in her hands
She’s got you and me brother in her hands
She’s got the whole world in her hands.

3. He’s got the itty bitty baby in his hands
He’s got the itty bitty baby in his hands
He’s got the itty bitty baby in his hands.
He’s got the whole world in his hands.

4. She’s got the sun and moon in her hands
She’s got the wind and the rain in her hands
She’s got the sun and moon in her hands
She’s got the whole world in her hands.

5. He’s got everybody in his hands
He’s got everybody in his hands
He’s got everybody in his hands
He’s got the whole world in her hands.

(Children may now leave for Sunday School Opening)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 21 - 35

How many times must I forgive?

One: May God bless this reading from God’s Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music by Marilyne

Storytime

Put Your Hand in the Hand

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water.
Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea
Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently
By puttin your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.

1. Everytime I look into the Holy Book I wanna tremble
When I read about the part where a carpenter cleared the temple
For the buyers and the sellers were no different fellas
than what I profess to be
And it causes me shame to know I’m not the gal that I should be.

2. Mama taught me how to pray before I reached the age
of seven
And when I'm down on my knees, that's when I'm close
to heaven.
Daddy lived his life for two kids and a wife,
but you do what you must do.
But he showed me enough of what it takes to get me through.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Presentation of Offering

Michael row the boat ashore, Alleluiah
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Sister help to trim the sail, alleluia (repeat)
Jordan's river is chilly and cold, alleluia (repeat)
Kills the body, but not the soul, alleluia (repeat)
Jordan's river is deep and wide, alleluia (repeat)
Meet my mother on the other side, alleluia (repeat)

Dedication of Our Offering

Prayers of the People –

1. Whisper a prayer in the morning, whisper a prayer at noon,
Whisper a prayer in the evening, To keep your heart in tune.
2. God answers prayer in the morning, God answers etc.
3. Let your love shine in the morning, let your love etc.

Silent Prayer Time

The Lord's Prayer: (spoken)

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen

Closing Song: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Chorus: Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home;
(repeat)

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
Comin' for to carry me home;
A band of angels coming after me,
Comin' for to carry me home.

If you get to heaven before I do,
Comin' for to carry me home;
Just tell all my friends that I'm a-coming too,
Comin' for to carry me home.

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,
Comin' for to carry me home;
But still my soul feels heavenly bound,
Comin' for to carry me home.

I've never been to heaven, but I've been told,
Comin' for to carry me home;
That the streets in heaven are paved with gold,
Comin' for to carry me home.

Closing Prayer:

Bless the wisdom of the Holy One above us.
Bless the truth of the Holy One beneath us.
Bless the love of the Holy One within us. Amen.

Chinook Psalter -Earth Prayers from Around the World

- *Special thanks to Paul Bartlett for his guitar accompaniment today!*
- *And thanks to Carol Young and Camp Bimini for your company and beautiful setting and warm hospitality!*

This Week:

Sept 20th: 9:00 am Ministerial Meeting at Quehl's Restaurant

Sept 21st: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

September 24th 10:30 am our first worship back upstairs in the sanctuary. Service led by Rev. Kathy Douglas. Wear orange to support National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th. Sunday School. Service will be recorded for online worship. Following the service all are welcome to stay for a light snack, refreshments, and social time.

Next Week:

Sept 26th: 7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting - Knox Parlour

Sept 27th: 10:00 - 11:30 am Sit n' Knit Stay n' Crochet

7:00 pm Board Meeting

Sept 28th: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sept 28-29: Western Ontario Waterways Fall Online Gathering

Sept 30th: 12:00 pm Bus leaves for Blue Jays Game.

Oct. 1st: 10:30 am Worldwide Communion Sunday, service led by Rev. Marg Smith