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SUMMER WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.

Thought for Meditation: “ I am the epitome of privilege. (*in a time when the church is hungry for change and needs to fully embrace racialized and marginalized people.*) I stand before you tonight as a person who is a white, middle-class, middle-aged, cis, university-educated male. I don't know what my blinders are even keeping from me, let alone the things I don't want to look at because I am too scared”Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, the 44th Moderator of the United Church of Canada

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

***Introit: Make A Joyful Noise ~Psalm 100 (#820 VU)**

**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!**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

The kingdom of God is like...

a grain of wheat.

The kingdom of God is like...

a mustard seed.

The kingdom of God is like...

a newborn baby.

The kingdom of God is...

growing in ways

we can't even begin to notice or imagine!

The kingdom of God is...

The kingdom of God is! Alleluia!

Richard Bott, Dunbar Ryerson P.C., Vancouver, B.C.

***HYMN #409 VU Morning Has Broken**

OPENING PRAYER: God, O God, how can we serve you?

As people who seek you out?

As people firm in our faith?

God, O God, how can we love you?

When we're afraid of searching?

When our faith is crumbling?

Show us your presence, we pray.

Open our hearts.

Give us flexibility in our strength.

Help us to be your people.

Richard Bott, Dunbar Ryerson P.C., Vancouver, B.C.

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, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON(S): Ephesians 4: 1–16, John 6: 24-35

REFLECTION: *We Are Growing Again*

***HYMN# 154 MV “Deep in our Hearts”**

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Grateful (#182 MV, Refrain)

**Grateful, for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
Joyful, in your Spirit flowing, over all, O God of Love.**

**Grateful, for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
Joyful, In Your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #145 MV Draw The Circle Wide**

***BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL BLESSING: Oh A Song Must Rise (142 MV, Refrain)**

Oh a song must rise for the Spirit to descend,

Oh a song must rise once again.

Singing out God’s praises and glory, the faithful voices blend,

Oh a song must rise for the Spirit to descend.