

27 April 2025 (The Rev. Grant Wilson)

Welcome/Announcements/Land Acknowledgement **Anne Krauss (worship elder)**

As followers of Jesus, we are compelled to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. It is our love of God and neighbour that leads us to acknowledge the land where we gather. We honour God with gratitude for this land and the peoples who have fished, hunted, harvested and gathered here for generations. This is the Coast Salish Territory of Lkwungen people – the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ. It is traditional and unceded land. We pray that past and present injustices can be reconciled as we commit ourselves to just and respectful relationships.

□ *Don't be afraid (repeat)*

Call to Worship

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!

Sing about the glory of his name!

Tell the world how glorious he is.

Say to God: "How awesome are your works!"

Everything on earth will worship you;

they will sing your praises,

shouting your name in glorious songs.

Come and see what our God has done,

what awesome miracles he does for his people!

□ Gathering Prayer / the Lord's Prayer / Words of Hope

... 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

□ *At the dawning of salvation*

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□ Prayer for Understanding (Read by **Doug Bracken**)

Our holy and loving God, through all of time, you have spoken to your people to encourage and challenge and to express your love. Speak to us today. Open your Word to us and open us to your Word that we should hear that encouragement, challenge and love, in Christ, Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 133 (OT 575)

¹ How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running

down over the collar of his robes.³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

John 21:15-19 (NT 116)

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Message

□ *Jesus, the very thought of thee*

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□ Offering and Prayer

Our God, thank you for the grace you pour out upon us day by day. We thank you for your loving care and most of all, we thank you for all you give us in Jesus Christ. Receive these gifts as an expression of our gratitude and love. Add to them your blessing that these gifts should do the work of your Kingdom in this church, this city and this world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

□ *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* *306*

□ Pastoral Prayers

□ *Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord*

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Blessing

□ *Go now in peace*