

Bolton United Church – Sunday Worship
June 28, 2020

Silent Reflection:

Grace & Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acknowledging the Land

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe peoples, on whose land and by whose waters we gather. We acknowledge their stewardship as we worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

Opening Prayer:

Loving and tender God, we approach this day of worship in gratitude and thanksgiving. We are only vessels totally dependent upon you and your love for us. Help us always to focus upon the faith that has been passed on to us. Help us to realize that following you should not be a burden but an opportunity to grow. Transform us by your grace Holy One. Open our eyes to see your wonder, our ears to hear your Word. We pray for those suffering from illness, those who are affected by COVID19, the poor, the vulnerable and the stranger. We remember those from our communities who have lost their lives, the young mother and her daughters who were tragically killed this past week. We pray for society's oppressed and for justice and peace to flow like rivers amongst us. Open our minds to be receptive to your call, teach us to listen deeply to the voices from the margins. Touch our mouths and our hearts, set us on fire to love and serve you this day and always. Amen.

Hymn: We Are A Rainbow

Scripture: Galatians 5: 1, 13-18

Freedom in Christ

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

Anthem: Jesus I Love You

The Dunn Family

Reflection: See Attached

Rev. Eleanor Scarlett

Hymn: Jesus Loves Me (Contemporary Version)

Blessings:

Hymn: We Are A Rainbow

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill, We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lap beneath a bushel anymore, We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

CHORUS:

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace
For the flood of tears will fin'lly cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.

We're a coat of any colours, sewn from many diff'rent threads, cov'ring all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said "Let there be light," created ev'ry varied shade, In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

(Chorus)

We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day, We are peace in a world that's torn apart,
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face We are love that blooms and grows in ev'ry heart.

(Chorus)

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone, For our God will be with us on the way,
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more, As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

(Chorus)

Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.

Hymn: Jesus Loves Me (contemporary version)

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong they are weak but he is strong.

Alleluia, allelu,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, allelu,
Alleluia, allelu.

Jesus loves me, He who died heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in.

(repeat alleluia)

Jesus loves me when I'm good When I do the things I should
Jesus loves me when I'm bad even though it makes him sad.

(repeat alleluia)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

(repeat alleluia)