

Summer 2023



Arbutus - Caitlin Ambery



*Beloved companions on the Way
Come as you are offering the dance of our lives
In the struggle of faith with hearts alive in love
with holy Mystery*

Welcome to the AbbeyChurch

No matter who you are or what you are carrying today, know you are beloved and so very welcome here!

At the AbbeyChurch, we tell stories of faith, encourage hope, share meals, care for each other and for God's creation – and strive to practice the teachings of Jesus.

We're at different places in our faith journey - but we share a guiding sacred Story as found in scripture (The Bible) and summarized in our Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God - with our questions and doubts, our disillusionment with our institutions and our concern for our world.

We invite diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, single, married, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressive, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, under-housed, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

We believe that Christ's love binds our differences together and renews our hope as we gather each week at Jesus' table of radical welcome.

Summer Worship Schedule

July 23	Worship - 4 pm - Quadra & Balmoral
July 28	BBQ and music jam - 630pm - Belmont
Aug 6	Worship - 4 pm - Quadra & Balmoral
Aug 20	Worship - 4 pm - Quadra & Balmoral
Aug 20-22	Goldstream camping (post-worship) 630pm
Sept 3	Abbey worship at the beach & picnic - Willows

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We would love to connect! Call, Text, Email.

We Gather

Opening Loop:

Tolling of the Bells & Announcements

Land Acknowledgment

As we gather,

we acknowledge with gratitude and respect the ləkʷəŋən peoples on whose traditional land we worship and the Songhees, Esquimalt peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day. As a community, we commit to an ongoing journey of decolonization, deep listening and humility as we seek to walk in right-relationship.

Bell x 3

Gathering Words

Come Holy Spirit and gather your people.

Be our companion on the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope - that we may know you in word and song and broken bread. For we gather today in Jesus name. Amen.

*Please rise in body or in spirit as we sing
& the AbbeyKids set the altar*

Opening Song *(see songbook)*

Poem: selected by poet-in-residence **Rebecca Yeo**

We Proclaim

First Reading

July 23: Romans 8:12-25;

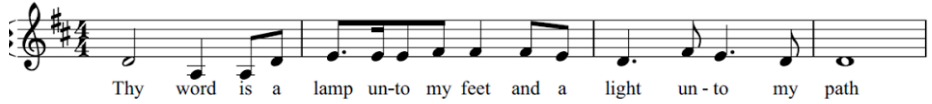
Aug 6: Romans 9:1-5

Aug 20: 1 Kings 17:1-24

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet / and a light unto my path *(repeat)*



1984 Meadowgreen/ Word Music - Smith/Grant - CCLI (Also Voices United)

The Gospel

July 23: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Aug 6: Matthew 14:13-21

Aug 20: Matthew 15: 21-28

Let us proclaim the gospel from the housetops!

With our words and with our lives!

(said before and after)

Repeat Acclamation

Sermon

Bell / Silence for meditation / Bell

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm this ancient Story of our faith.

Credo (Iona Community, alt.)

We believe in God above us,

Source of all; maker and sustainer of all life,

of sun and moon, of water and earth, wind, air and fire

of all creatures, of all peoples.

We believe in God beside us,

Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,

born of a woman, servant of the poor,

tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,

he died alone and forsaken.

He descended into the earth

to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

**He ascended into heaven,
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,
and His kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Beloved Community,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

Our Prayers

Confession

Loving God, Parent of us all

Have mercy on us

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

Have mercy on us

Holy Spirit, Breath of life

Have mercy on us

Let us in silence come before the God of mercy and
compassion to admit our frailty and confess our failings

Bell Silence Bell

Assurance / Absolution

The Peace

Beloved Community, the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We acknowledge the peace of Christ in each other.

*During this next 'offertory' song, the table is set. Contributions to our
common life can be placed in the record player in the back of the space.*

Cheques made out to 'The Emmaus Community'.

Charitable receipts will be issued if you provide your address.

Offertory Song (see songbook)

We Celebrate

The Great Thanksgiving

I invite you to take a moment and close your eyes, draw your awareness to the presence of God in this space...and in each person gathered here.

Draw your attention to your breath, the Spirit of life that moves through each one of us, animating our lives and the life of creation...

Silence

Let us open our hearts with gratitude as we pray together:

Spirit of Christ, source of all that restores and revives, in celebration of your abiding presence, receive all we offer you today and bless these gifts to the work of your liberation that all the earth may thrive in the glory of Your resurrection.

Loving one, close to us as our very breath yet dwelling amidst the vast expanse of time and space, we give you thanks for your outpouring of radical love among us. In becoming human as one of us, you have revealed yourself to us as parent, creator, lover, and friend.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all of creation, all of heaven and earth who forever sing this hymn:

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a time signature of 12/8. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Bles't is the O - ne who comes in the name, the God of po - wer and might, name of the Lord, Heav-en and Earth are full, Oh Lord, full of your glo - ry. Bles't is the One who comes in the name, the name of the Lord. Ho - san - - na in the high - est! Ho - san - - na in the high - est!

Blessed are you and blessed is your child, Jesus. He showed us the ways of justice and mercy, turning the norms of society upside down. He welcomed and empowered the outsider and stood in resistance to the powers of oppression.

And yet, on the night in which death, hatred, and betrayal would seek to have the last word, Christ remained centered in radical peace and showed us love embodied by washing the feet of his beloved's and serving them at your table.

At the table he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread saying "take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks to you and said "drink from this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so in remembrance of these, your acts of love, in Jesus the Christ we offer ourselves and all we are in union with Christ's offering as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

Pour out your holy spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the Body of Christ, that we might become interdependent with each other as Christ's body, reflecting your diverse image in the world.

By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other and in each other's struggles, until we feast at your heavenly banquet. Through your beloved Jesus Christ, with the love the Holy Spirit, in your church- all love and devotion is yours, now and forever. **Amen** © *enfleshed. alt*

As beloved children of a loving parent we pray as Jesus taught:
(said in a language, translation or paraphrase of your choice)

Our *Father (*or Parent, or Source) **in heaven,**
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Silence.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for the life of the world. **Thanks be to God!**

All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is gluten-free but contains almond flour and dairy. Please ask the server if you would like a non-dairy/almond option. Juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the common cup.

Please do not dip bread.

Communion Song: *(recorded)*

Communion Songs *(see songbook)*

We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, **we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ. Amen.** *(Gospel Based Discipleship)*

Blessing

Closing Song *(see songbook)*

Sending

Go in the wild animating fire of the Spirit to follow Christ and serve God's people.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

Please leave this booklet in the space until August 20 so we can reuse it through the summer.