

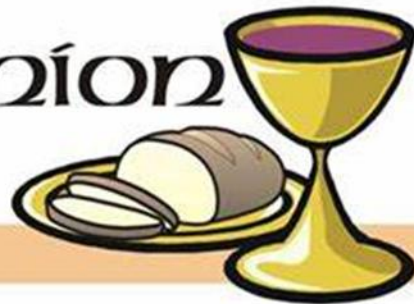
# NEWS from the BRIDGE

Life at  
**Bridge Street United Church**  
**(Belleville, ON)**

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***Friday, October 2, 2020***

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*This Sunday* our congregation will observe the sacrament of Holy Communion, alongside other communities of faith (including and beyond the United Church).

As worship for us will happen virtually on YouTube, those wishing to participate will need to have a bit of bread (a cracker or a sweet pastry is also an option) and a measure of grape juice (or some other beverage).

Worshippers will be invited to participate in a spirit of both concelebrant and participant. For persons living together, or as member of an established social bubble, the act of serving one another may add a meaningful component to the celebration.

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
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October 1, 2020

Dear Bridge Street United Church,

I'm writing to you to express heartfelt gratitude for transferring your congregation's Mission & Service gifts. Because you transfer your support regularly, we can plan to help those in Canada and around the world who are struggling now more than ever. Knowing we can count on your generosity has a huge impact on our ability to consistently offer compassion and care in these difficult times.

Right now, your Mission & Service gifts are hard at work helping people like Eustina Musarira of Dungiro who lives in Zimbabwe.

Eustina is a 63 year old widow who is looking after 4 grandchildren. In photos of her, blisters on her hands are the result of supporting her family through hard work: tending gardens, collecting firewood, and building fences. When COVID-19 struck after a drought had already taken its toll, Eustina found herself suddenly out of work and unable to provide for her grandchildren. Your gift means that Eustina can feed her family.

**"All I can say at this moment is, 'thank you', for remembering us during this harsh time. My life has changed as I can afford a decent meal," she repeats over and over.**

Thanks again for your dedication, faithfulness and commitment to support people like Eustina who are even more vulnerable now because of COVID-19.

Your congregation's Mission & Service gifts truly help save and transform lives. Your generosity makes a difference every day.

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah".

Sarah Charters  
Acting Director of Philanthropy



Please watch for a special mini edition of **NEWS from the BRIDGE** scheduled for release this coming Wednesday (October 7<sup>th</sup>) with details as to how B.S.U.C. will observe Thanksgiving Sunday 2020.

As it stands, the intent is to host an in-person gathering in the sanctuary at **9:30 a.m.** that will last 35 – 45 minutes in length.

Worship will happen via the presentation of a pre-recorded video – the same one scheduled for simultaneous release on YouTube.

My, and the Worship & Music Team's, intent in this formatting is to provide a socially distanced fellowship opportunity for those congregants who are keen to be in one another's company, all the while offering the same worship experience to those who are disinclined to be on-site.

PLEASE NOTE: Next Sunday's in-person service is not the gateway to a regularized return to sanctuary-based worship. It is a special occasion observance designed to address the human need for a measure of the familiar, something that has been in short supply since the pandemic first arrived in the province.

More information about worship protocols will be forthcoming in the October 7<sup>th</sup> publication.

Until then, fond regards!

*Rev. David*



**This week's online worship service** premieres **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** on **YouTube** at **10 a.m.**

Further details are provided in the latter pages of this publication.



Of the many activities that contribute to the life of the Church, surely prayer is a prominent one.

Praying for one and another has long been a practice that communities of faith engage in at times of celebration, sorrow, uncertainty, fear, and thanksgiving.

This week you are invited to pray for the following individuals and their circumstances. As seems right, please pray for their strength; pray for their soul to

be comforted; and pray for a different and better future than is their current circumstance.

We lift before God:

- **Those folk who have departed this earthly realm** in the sure and certain hope of eternal life; **especially Leanne M.**, a member of B.S.U.C., and former chorister with our choir.
- **Those grievors** who are walking through the valley of the shadow of death, particularly **Leanne M's daughters, husband Kevin, extended family and friends.**
- **Those others** whose health is imperiled, or who are experiencing anxiety brought about by the challenges of life in the time of a pandemic.
- **Folk** who are poor, hungry, homeless or provisionally housed, as they live with uncertainty and fear.
- For **COVID-19 doubters and deniers** that they might come to a more fulsome understanding of the challenges that still beset the world, our country, our provinces, and our cities.
- **Those** whose challenges have yet to be conveyed to us and yet are so very real.

Rev. David welcomes news of others for whom we can pray. *Please reach out and advise.*



Our congregation is blessed to have a completely anonymous cluster of folk who are committed to be in prayer intentionally whenever a request is made.

As this newsletter is published only once a week, there may be occasions when the benefit of prayer is sought before it can be shared with the congregation as a while. Because of that, our prayer team stands ready to lift up your joys and sorrows, delights and disappointments, requests for intervention or the expressions of thanksgiving.

To have your prayer needs met more immediately, please contact Sue (in strictest confidence) at [suemargreid@yahoo.ca](mailto:suemargreid@yahoo.ca)

# **ONLINE WORSHIP**

## **FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING**

### **October 4, 2020**

**AVAILABLE beginning THIS Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.**

Please copy (ctrl c) and paste (ctrl v), or otherwise place this link into your browser and press enter: <https://youtu.be/K5Mg6X-GGuY>

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#### TODAY'S READINGS

**Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 | Philippians 3: 4B-14 | Matthew 21: 33-46**



#### **VU #312 – Praise with Joy the World's Creator**

- 1 Praise with joy the world's Creator,  
God of justice, love, and peace,  
source and end of human knowledge,  
God whose grace shall never cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory,  
power to rescue and release.
- 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,  
frees the captive, finds the lost,  
heals the sick, upsets religion,  
fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:  
friend and stranger, guest and host.
- 3 Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
liberating truth from pride,  
forging bonds where race or gender,  
age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:  
foolishness none dare deride.

- 4 Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,  
one God in community,  
calling Christians to embody  
oneness and diversity.

This the world shall see reflected:  
God is One and One in Three.

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## OPENING PRAYER

*Good and gracious God, here and now.*

**HERE AND NOW... MAY THE FAITHFUL FIND SALVATION  
AND THE SEEKERS BE INFORMED.**

*Here and now... may the doubting find courage and  
the anxious be calmed.*

**HERE AND NOW... MAY THE LOST FIND DIRECTION  
AND THE FOUND BE ENLIGHTENED.**

*Here and now... may the weary find rest  
and the strong be engaged.*

**HERE AND NOW... MAY THE OLDER FIND COMFORT  
AND THE YOUNGER BE INSPIRED.**

*Here and now... we ask all this, as those following the Way of Jesus,  
ever hopeful of finding abundant life.*

**HEAR AND NOW... TO GOD BE THE GLORY,  
AND CHRIST JESUS, OUR PRAISE. AMEN.**



## MV #154 – Deep in Our Hearts

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.



3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.
4. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

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## **VU #467 – One Bread, One Body**

### *Refrain:*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless;  
and we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *R*
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *R*
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. *R*

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## Concluding Prayer

*In this time of COVID-19, we pray:*

*When we aren't sure, God,  
help us be calm;  
when information comes  
from all sides, correct and not,  
help us to discern;  
when fear makes it hard to breathe,  
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,  
slow us down, God;  
help us to reach out with our hearts,  
when we can't touch with our hands;  
help us to be socially connected,  
when we have to be socially distant;  
help us to love as perfectly as we can,  
knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."*

*For the doctors, we pray,  
for the nurses, we pray,  
for the technicians and the janitors and the  
aides and the caregivers, we pray,  
for the researchers and theorists,  
the epidemiologists and investigators,  
for those who are sick,  
and those who are grieving, we pray,  
for all who are affected,  
all around the world...  
we pray  
for safety,  
for health,  
for wholeness.  
May we feed the hungry,  
give drink to the thirsty,  
clothe the naked and house those without homes;  
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,  
and may we do all that we can to heal  
the sick—  
in spite of the epidemic,  
in spite of the fear.*

*Help us, O God,  
that we might help each other.*

*In the love of the Creator,  
in the name of the Healer,  
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all,  
we pray.*

*May it be so. Amen.*

The Very Reverend Dr. Richard Bott  
Moderator of The United Church of Canada



### **VU #642 – Be Thou My Vision**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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