

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

Bethany Danielle Pike

January 8, 1988 – May 27, 2008

From Stephen, Susan, Rebecca, & Kyle

May 22, 2022, Sixth Sunday of Easter

(Fourth Sunday of Asian Heritage Month)

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft

Music Director: Amy Dalziel

Music Leadership: Alba Chen and Senior Choir

Ushers: Kennedy Collins, Guy and Julie
Hollett, Jean Thompson

We Come to Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME: *We extend greetings in Innu-aimun, Cantonese and Arabic.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

We take time to give thanks for the land and the Indigenous peoples who continue to steward it; we also commit to be an inclusive community for all.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE *(inspired by Psalm 67)*

One: Come and worship the One who bless us with kindness,

All: The One whose way of love we seek to follow.

One: Come and worship the One whose face shines upon us,

All: The One who brings equity and justice to the world.

One: Come and worship the One who heals and saves,

All: May we worship God to the ends of the earth.

OPENING PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of the Family

We welcome Charles Kelly, Rebecca Thorne, and their child Cole Cecil.

Profession of Faith and Family Promises

Charles & Rebecca affirm their belief and commit to raising Cole in faith.

Congregational Commitment

One: Do you, promise to love and support this child and his family in their journey of faith, together serving God's world and extending Christ's love?

All: **We do with God's help.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Act of Baptism

We give thanks for water and Cole is welcomed into the church.

Blessing, Laying on of Hands & Lighting of Baptismal Candle followed by Blessing of Family

Welcome by Congregation (*congregation responds to bold text*):

Sharing in the joy of Cole's family, we welcome him into the Body of Christ, each of us children of God, Mother and Father of us all.

As siblings we welcome Cole Cecil Thorne Kelly into the household of faith: in the name of Christ, we welcome you.

(The congregation may applaud as a sign of welcome.)

HYMN: "We Know that Christ Is Raised" *Voices United 448*
(*to the same tune as "For All the Saints" Voices United 705*)

We Share

OUR LIFE AND WORK: *We acknowledge the connection between work and worship, announcing what is going on in our congregation.*

OFFERTORY: "Hallelujah, Hallelujah" *Voices United 179, v 4*

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ; hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name. Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour. Hallelujah, hallelujah...

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

Source of blessing, we experience your presence around us:

in babbling waters that sing of your goodness; the kindness of others that reveal your compassion; the stirrings within us that speak to your call. May we be open to your grace, and equally open to share with others what you have given. We pray in the name of Jesus, your gift of love to a hurting world. Amen.

We Listen

LEARNING TOGETHER

We introduce Sunday's theme in a manner that is accessible to all ages.

ANTHEM: “The Gift of Love”

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

PRAYER OF NEW LIFE

READINGS: John 14:23-29; Acts 16:9-15; and an excerpt of “*We Are a River*” from *The Sage’s Tao Te Ching* by William Martin

HYMN: “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Voices United 368

MESSAGE: “Mother of all Love”

We Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We take time to pray for the needs of our global and local communities, knowing that what we pray for we in turn are called to do something about.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Voices United 960

We Leave to Serve

HYMN: “Christ Is Alive”

Voices United 158

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION: “May the God of Hope Go with Us” *VU 424*

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

St. James United Church

Lead Minister:

James Ravenscroft, OM

Youth/Christian Education Minister:

Susan Sheppard, DLM

Minister Emeritus:

Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown

Music Director:

Amy Dalziel

Assistant Music Director:

Alba Chen

Technology Support:

Jake Thompson

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Bruce Winsor