**Be United Communities of Faith**

**Bridgewater United Church**

**Anniversary Memorial Hymn Sing**

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*The asterisk (\*) indicates the congregation may stand, as they are able.*

*The print in* ***BOLD*** *is where the congregation participates.*

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of Candle to Celebrate God’s Presence

Invitation to Worship and Remembrance

**Opening Prayer:** *(unison)*

**God of Welcoming Love, in the stillness of this evening we gather in the protective shelter of this place of worship to celebrate the life and those we love. May your spirit of comfort wrap around us tenderly as we remember with honour those who have left us with a legacy of memories to cherish. As we hold those remembered this evening in our hearts hold us, O God, in your heart. Amen.**

Reading: We Cannot Keep From Singing *(from A Song of Faith (2006) Statement of Faith)*

**\*Hymn: # 88 MV – Over My Head**

***This hymn was dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:***

*Parents, Irene and Robert Holdright and Mansfield Hirtle,*

*gift of Yvonne and Blake Hirtle*

*Reverend Reuben and Anna Humby,*

*gift of son, Wylie, Violet and family*

**A Time of Remembrance and Honour**

*This evening we gather to sing hymns and listen to stories, scriptures and words of inspiration. Those hymns with an asterisk (\*) indicates that we are invited to stand as we are able to sing, those without please remain seated. During the singing of each hymn, a Memorial Candle will be lit to honour those we are remembering and honouring during our service.*

Reading: Water Bugs and Dragonflies (*by Doris Stickney)*

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**Hymn: # 703 VU – In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

***This hymn was dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:***

*Dear relatives and friends, gift of Marg and Bob Forbes*

*My husband, Paige MacKay, gift of wife, Carolyn*

*Arnold Hebb, gift of wife, Pauline Hebb and family*

*Parents, Lorna and Clifford Blades,*

*gift of daughter, Diane Patten*

*Tom Bird, a gift of Joy, Natalie and Stephanie*

*Family members, gift of Ivan and Shirley Rodenhiser*

*Freda Adams, gift of son, Bruce Munro*

*Family and friends, gift of Mike and Shirley Vandertoorn*

*Ruth Rudderham, gift of Cheryl and Jamie*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

Special Music: There’s a Quiet Understanding (*sung by Barbara Pate and Revered Neil)*

Reading: Everybody Needs a Rock (*by Byrd Baylor)*

**\*Hymn: # 675 VU – Will Your Anchor Hold**

***This hymn was dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:***

*My grandmother, Mrs. Sylvanus Spidel,*

*gift of granddaughter, Margaret Hutchinson*

*Loving husband and father, Guy Harnett,*

*gift of wife, Evelyn and family*

*Katherine and Norman Cramm,*

*gift of daughter, Norma and family*

*Parents, Worrell and Luetta Greek,*

*gift of daughter-in-law, Ingrid Greek and family*

*Brother, Charlie Walker, gift of David and Linda Walker*

*Friends that have passed and present friends in Sambro, Nova Scotia,*

*gift of Sam and Dale Elsworth*

*Parents and grandparents,*

*Bob and Jean MacKinnon and David and Doris Aitken*

*Family members, gift of Ivan and Shirley Rodenhiser*

*Our parents, Joseph and Annie Hebb*

*and St. Clair and Myrtle Dares,*

*gift of Pauline Hebb*

*Parents, Stan and Mae Forbes, gift of daughter, Janet*

*Loved ones, gift of the Schofield family*

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Story: Norman the Dancing Barking Pig (*from Uh-Oh!* *by Robert Fulghum)*

**Hymn: # 684 VU – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

***This hymn was dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:***

*Parents, Neil and Pat Walker*

*and Russell and Kay Taylor,*

*gift of David and Linda Walker*

*Husband, Ian MacKinnon*

*Brother-in-law and sister-in-law,*

*Melbourne and Wanda Hebb,*

*gift of Pauline Hebb*

*Tom Bird, a gift of Joy, Natalie and Stephanie*

*Family members, gift of Ivan and Shirley Rodenhiser*

Reading: So Much of this World *(from Rest Your Dreams on a Little Twig by Joyce Rupp)*

Prayer For Creation

**Song: Let There Be Peace on Earth**

***This hymn was dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:***

*Dear relatives and friends, gift of Marg and Bob Forbes*

*Parents, Kaye and Wylie Smith, gift of son, Sandy Smith*

*Parents and brother, gift of Barbara Boulton*

*Husband and father, Karl Greek,*

*gift of his wife, Ingrid and family*

*Parents, Martin and Isabel Menssen,*

*gift of daughter, Ingrid Greek and family*

*Our parents, Frank and Eva Elsworth*

*and Harold and Leona Thompson,*

*gift of Sam and Dale Elsworth*

*Aunt Francelia and Uncle Arthur Swaine,*

*gift of niece, Diane Patten*

*Gwen Corkum, a gift of friend, Bruce Munro*

*Loved ones, gift of the Schofield family*

*Mervyn Colp, gift of wife, Lorraine*

*Ruth Rudderham; a beacon of hope, love, kindness and peace.*

*With her guidance of loving unconditionally; this world is a much better place.*

*We continue to strive to be like you. Much loved and terribly missed by the Rafuse Crew.*

Reading: The Fullness of Life *(from A Song of Faith (2006) Statement of Faith)*

**\*Hymn: # 145 MV – Draw the Circle Wide**

***This hymn was dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:***

*Our parents, Joseph and Annie Hebb*

*and St. Clair and Myrtle Dares,*

*gift of Pauline Hebb*

*Betty Blades, Gladys Veinot, Caroll Crouse*

*and Ruth Rudderham, gift of Diane Patten*

*Loved ones, gift of the Schofield family*

*and*

*With gratitude for grandchildren,*

*David, Bianca, Andrew, Ian and Charlotte MacKinnon*

Closing Prayer

*The Memorial Candles will remain lit as we leave*

*so that the guiding light of those remembered and their love,*

*along with the Presence of God,*

*will illuminate our pathway home and into tomorrow.*

**Commissioning And Benediction:**

Angels before us,

**guide and direct us.**

Angels behind us,

**guard and protect us.**

Angels above us,

**keep watch over us.**

Angels beside us,

**care for and comfort us.**

Words for Reflection:

*If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together*

*there is something you must always remember…*

*You are braver than you believe.*

*Stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.*

*But the most important thing is even if we are apart,*

*I'll always be with you.*

*(words offered by Winnie The Pooh)*

Postlude

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