

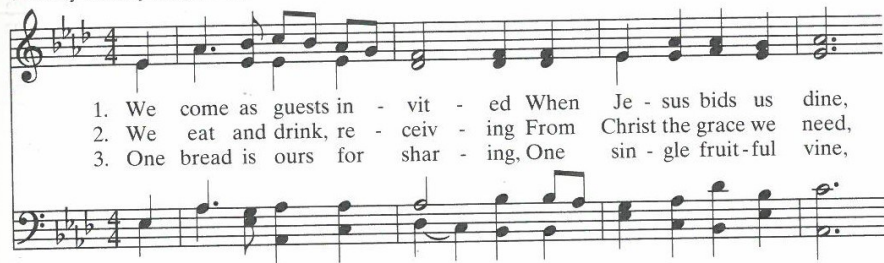
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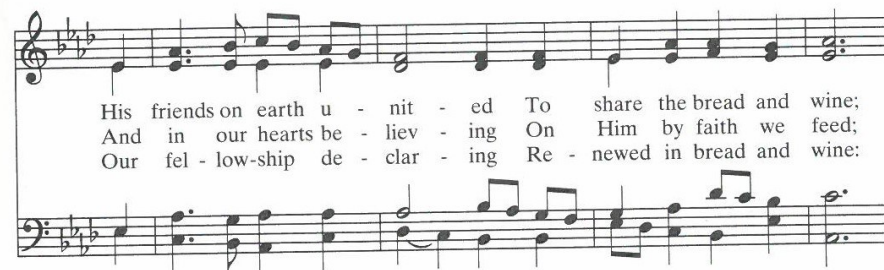
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Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1975

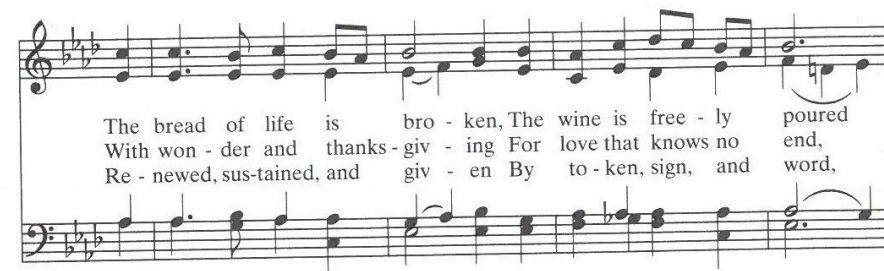
Johann Steurlein, 1575



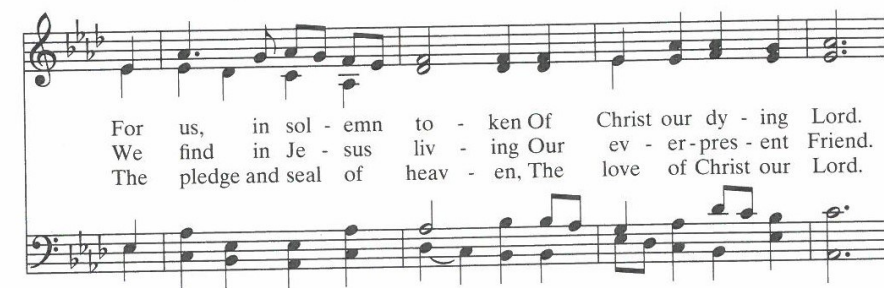
1. We come as guests in - vit - ed When Je - sus bids us dine,
2. We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing From Christ the grace we need,
3. One bread is ours for shar - ing, One sin - gle fruit - ful vine,



His friends on earth u - nit - ed To share the bread and wine;
And in our hearts be - liev - ing On Him by faith we feed;
Our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing Re - newed in bread and wine:



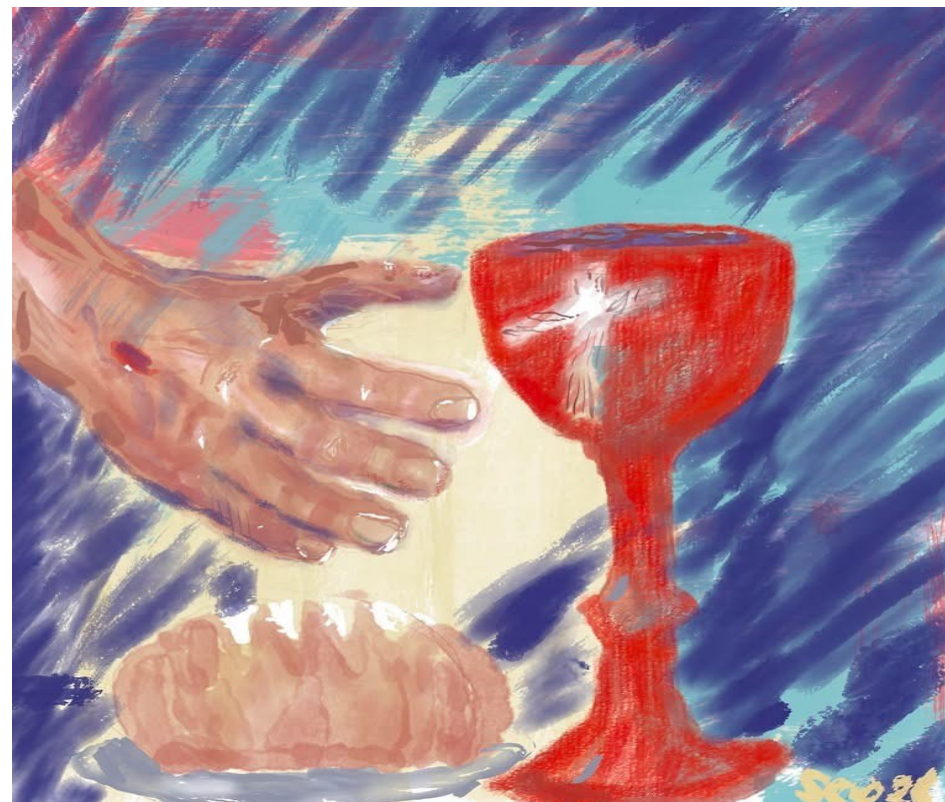
The bread of life is bro - ken, The wine is free - ly poured
With won - der and thanks - giv - ing For love that knows no end,
Re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en By to - ken, sign, and word,



For us, in sol - emn to - ken Of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
We find in Je - sus liv - ing Our ev - er - pres - ent Friend.
The pledge and seal of heav - en, The love of Christ our Lord.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AMHERST

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WORSHIP: Communion Sunday

July 5, 2026 10:30 am

First Baptist Church Amherst

welcoming Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church

**Stand, as you are able. Copies of the music are available.*

Senior Minister: Rev. Jeff G. White
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Minister Emeritus: Rev. Byron Corkum

Organist & Choir Director: Kevin Dupuis

Church Custodian: Shauna McCallum

Administrative Assistant: Angela Marks

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PRELUDE

Kevin Dupuis

*WELCOME

Jeff White

*INTROIT **Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God’s righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.**

Hallelu, hallelujah.

(Karen Lafferty © 1972 Maranatha! Music.)

*CALL to Worship

leader & people

(based upon Psalm 45; Regina Coupar, 2004)

bring what is best
to the banquet
truth
humility
righteousness

cast off malice
and envy
wrap yourselves
in robes of splendor
adorned with justice
and mercy

**let the incense of
purity
fill your body and soul**

discard what weighs
your journey
pride
deceit
wickedness

stand
in the flame
together
**anoint one another
with love**

receive the blessing
of union
**let no one
sever the bond**

*HYMN 543 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” vs. 1-3

**1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount; I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of God’s unchanging love.**

Schedule for Sun., July 5—Mon., July 13

Sun., 5	10:30 am	Worship with TSSUC
	1:30 pm	Visitation for Eben Lennox at Jones Funeral Home
	2:00 pm	Service for Eben L. at Jones, reception to follow
Mon., 6	11:00 am	Prayer Time
Sun., 12	10:30 am	Worship with TSSUC
Mon., 13	9:00 am	AiM Hike: Sackville Waterfowl Park

Worship Outdoors & BBQ Fellowship
Sunday, July 19 • 10:30 a.m.
(Rain Date: Sunday, July 26)

Join us for an outdoor worship service in **Victoria Square**, just beside the church.

Please bring:

- A lawn chair (or two, if you have an extra to share!)
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen, a hat, or anything else you need to stay comfortable in the sunshine

Following worship, we'll **fire up the BBQ! Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided.** If you're able, we'd appreciate you bringing a **salad or dessert** to share with everyone. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll gather indoors as usual.

We hope you'll join us for this wonderful morning of worship, good food, and great fellowship!

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

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*POSTLUDE

Kevin Dupuis

[You may remain seated for the musical postlude]

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Welcome to worship and the congregations of First Baptist and Trinity-St. Stephen's today. This is the second of five Sundays we are together here, our 99th summer of sharing services. Welcome to you who are visiting with us.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the **family & friends of Eben Lennox**. His funeral service will be held **today, July 5**, at **Jones Funeral Home**. Visitation 1:30 pm; Funeral Service 2 pm, reception to follow. Please keep his family and loved ones in your prayers during this time.

The July edition of *The Reflector* is now available! Check your email or visit our website (www.firstbaptistamherst.com) to read this month's edition. Printed copies are also available in the Vestry. If you'd like to **receive *The Reflector* by email** each month, simply **send your email address to:** ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca

July Office Notice: During the month of July, **Angela** will be on vacation on **Mondays and Tuesdays**.

Our **summer student, Mackinley Mace**, is away this week helping with Day Camp at Christ Church, and attending a Rugby tournament in Newfoundland.

**2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.**

**3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

(Robert Robinson 1735-1790)

PRAYER of Invocation & the Lord's Prayer (629 in unison)

CONFESSIOAL Rite (Joshua Taylor, *A Liturgy for All Bodies*, 2022)

Invitation to Confession

God seeks relationship with God's creation.

Yet, we all too often fall short of God's will and way for our lives. Still, God meets us where we are and invites us back into community. Trusting in God's goodness and mercy, let us confess our sins before God to one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Compassionate God,
we confess that we all too often have sinned against you
and against one another.**

**We are anxious to see the flaws of our neighbors
while failing to see Christ in each person we meet.**

**We point out differences and create divisions,
failing to acknowledge the reality
that, in your image, all have been wonderfully
and beautifully made.**

Time for Silent Reflection

Forgive us, Lord.

**Open our eyes, our hearts, and our minds
to the beauty of your creation,
to the diversity of your kin-dom,
and ready us
not to see differences and divisions
but to meet partners in the Gospel. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (adapted from Romans 8)

SONG **Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**
(John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs © 1982)

STORY TIME

(Children's activity sheets are available in the Foyer.
There are also Classrooms upstairs.)

SONG **Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary.....**

First LESSON Genesis 24:10-27 Shawnie Kinnear

*HYMN "When Love Is Found" vs. 1-5

- 1. When love is found and hope comes home,
sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky,
praise God and share our Maker's joy.**
- 2. When love has flowered in trust and care,
build both each day, that love may dare
to reach beyond home's warmth and light,
to serve and strive for truth and right.**
- 3. When love is tried as loved-ones change,
hold still to hope through all seems strange,
till ease returns, and love grows wise
through listening ears and opened eyes.**

**4. When love is torn and trust betrayed,
pray strength to love till torments fade,
till lovers keep no score of wrong,
but hear through pain love's Easter song.**

**5. Praise God for love, praise God for life,
in age or youth, in calm or strife.
Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed
through death and life in broken bread.**

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GOSPEL Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Derek Livingstone
SERMON "With This Ring..." Jeff White
SILENT Meditation

OFFERING

*RESPONSE (Fairhill)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

CELEBRATION of Ministry

*HYMN "We Come as Guests Invited" vs. 1-2 p. 8

INVITATION to the Table

WORDS of Institution

CHORUS **Eat this bread, drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

(Words: Robert J. Batastini and the Taizé Community 1982.)

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PRAYER & Sharing of the BREAD Cynthia McCarthy

PRAYER & Sharing of the CUP Sandy Corkum

PRAYERS for All

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