

Welcome and Announcements – Brendon

Good morning, Emmanuel. Welcome to our service for the ninth Sunday after Pentecost, or the ninth Sunday of ordinary time. Well, isn't summer rolling along wonderfully? I trust it's been warm enough for you! Quite the wave of heat we've been having. The gardens and crops are thriving and we all have opportunities to be grateful for air conditioners and fans and whatever else you've been using to stay cool.

We gather each week to imagine what our lives could be like because Jesus is Lord, and we believe he is at work in our world making all things new. So we gather to be reminded of who Jesus is, King of kings and Lord of lords, of who we are as his beloved children, and who together we can be as a community seeking his kingdom and pursuing his righteousness and justice in our world. Psalm 85:10 speaks of "Love and faithfulness meet[ing] together;" of "righteousness and peace kiss[ing] each other." May our times of gathering together in worship generate such "meetings" and "kissings" within us and among us, because they are always present in Jesus, the one at the centre of our worship.

I trust that we are taking advantage of the warmer weather to connect with others outdoors, to meet in a park or on a deck, to go for a walk or hang out on a sidewalk, to check out each other's gardens or backyard projects. I was able to do some of that again this past week this past week and considered it a gift to see some of you in person. It would be wonderful if some of us gathered in clusters to listen to the service and explore the teaching together.

As always, you can find more information on our website, www.ebap.ca, about ways to connect. Simply click on the banner that says "New Ways of Connecting @ EBC". You can also find a lot of that information in the weekly emails that Jan sends out on Mondays. Remember also to check out the weekly bulletin for prayer concerns and other information about our church family. There are reminders there from the nomination committee about nominations for elders and from the Quest about their summer initiatives.

As we step into August, I want to remind us that the second weekend in September will be Emmanuel's 90th anniversary. As I mentioned last Sunday, we would like to put together a video with some highlights of Emmanuel's history, as well as reflections from each you as to what Emmanuel means to you. To that end, we are asking that you send us short video or audio clips with a one-sentence response to the question, "What do you appreciate about Emmanuel Baptist Church?" Your response could be one word, a phrase, or a complete sentence, but just one, as we are hoping for at least ninety responses. We've created a special email address for that purpose. It's 90years@ebap.ca. It would be really helpful for us if you could do this in the next few weeks so we can get working on it early. Rob tells me that putting together so many video clips will take some time so please send them in early so we have lots of time to work on it.

Now, let us lift our hearts in joyful worship and grateful thanksgiving to Jesus, our Lord and King. May we awaken to his presence with us and in us and, along with him, the

entire Trinity. May we enter with awe and wonder into worship of the Father, Son and Spirit – God in three persons, Blessed Trinity! Amen.

Song – Emmanuel Musicians

Praise the Father

Who is the one to whom you belong
who in your weakness has made you strong
who fills your heart with joyful song
is the Lord your God

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in One
Who was and is and is to come
All praise and honour and glory and power
O praise His name forever

Who is the One with whom you will be
from highest mountain to darkest valley
who is the One who in you dwells
it is the Lord your God

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in One
Who was and is and is to come
All praise and honour and glory and power
O praise His name forever

Gord Johnson

Children's Moment – Beverly

Hi everyone. It sure has been hot outside this week. I hope you all have been able to stay comfortable. I want to say a big howdy to the boys and girls who are listening to this. I miss you all so much. I am praying for you too!

This week I was in a parking lot and thought I saw Larson and Evelyn and Murray and Rosalie and Emmett's grandpa. He was putting on his motorcycle helmet but I ran over to him anyway. I said hello and started talking excitedly and then he took off his helmet. Guess what? It wasn't him at all. This stranger and I shared a good laugh as I explained I thought he was a friend from church. Isn't that funny?

Last year, I went back to Swift Current where I taught kindergarten for many years. I loved teaching young children. It was fun to see the 'lights go on' as we explored and discovered things together. Like how to be a good friend.

I always repeated part of a verse from the Bible to help my students understand what a good friend should be like. I said it then, and you may have heard me say it here at church too. The verse is from Ephesians 4:32. It says, "Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."

When I'd see two children fighting over a toy, or excluding someone, I'd say quietly, "Hey - let's remember to be kind and tenderhearted toward others..."

In Swift Current, a young man came up to me in a parking lot and introduced himself. I don't know how a 6 year old turns into a 21 year old, but apparently it happens quickly. Anyway, after we visited for a few minutes and he turned to leave, he smiled. "I'm still learning to be kind and tenderhearted toward others."

I have thought about that conversation many times since. I'm still learning to be kind and tenderhearted toward others too. Maybe you are too. And that's a good thing. Because we all love good friends. Have a great week everybody.

Song – Emmanuel Musicians

Beautiful Things

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change, at all
All this earth
could all that is lost ever be found
could a garden come out from this ground, at all

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

All around
hope is springing up from this old ground
out of chaos life is being found, in you

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

Lisa Gungor
Michael Gungor

Community Prayer – Ike

My name is Ike Friesen and I have the privilege of leading us in our Community Prayer, beginning with our prayer of confession. Please join me:

We confess to you, Lord, what we are:

We are not the people

we want others to think we are;

We are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls

But we do not want to hide our true selves from you.

(Silence)

We believe that you know us as we are, and yet you love us.

Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge;

Teach us to respect ourselves

and affirm our uniqueness and worth;

give us the courage to put our trust in your guidance and power.

(Silence)

We confess to you, Lord, the unrest of the world,
to which we contribute and in which we share.

Forgive our reliance on weapons of terror,

our cold indifference to the needs of others,

our discrimination

against people of different races

our preoccupation

with material standards.

(Silence)

Forgive our being unsure

of the good news about you and from you,

and so unready to tell it, share it and live it.

Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt

into the freedom and energy

of forgiven people.

And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept

we ask you to break their bondage and set them free through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Baptist Union of Great Britain

Our Heavenly Father, we come to you and ask you to lead us and guide us today and in the days to come. You are love, you are forgiveness, you are grace, and much more.

We thank you that you are the King of kings and Lord of lords, and that through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, we are your children if we believe and accept Jesus' amazing offer to us. We have access to you, Heavenly Father, and have and have the privilege of praying to you anytime, anywhere. We thank you for salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us exalt your name – Psalm 34:3 says “Exalt your name together” – even though we are apart, Lord, from each other, but we are not apart from you.

Thank you that we can be connected to you and to each other in various ways. May we worship you in Spirit and in truth. You are worthy of praise.

We bring before you those in our Emmanuel community who are suffering today, those listed in the church bulletin, and others that we don't know about. Lord be with those who are suffering from illness, job losses, family disruptions, grieving the loss of loved ones, and struggling with any form of discouragement and pain. Father, you know the needs of each individual and their families. We pray your guidance and blessing upon each one.

We pray for our staff and elders and thank you for all their commitments to you your ministry. Guide them in all of their planning and decisions on behalf of the rest of us and as unto you, Lord. These are such uncertain times for planning but we know you are constant, you are the same yesterday today and forever.

Also be with our government leaders, in our country and throughout the world, that they would be drawn to you and be committed to your guiding power, your love, and your plan for them and for the nations.

Even though our togetherness is defined by our separations, we realize that you Lord are always with. You invite us to abide with you as you abide with us. To be totally connected to you at all times. Great is your Faithfulness. Help us to be faithful as well.

We ask your blessings upon Bev as she leads us in our worship. We pray that you would help us to be teachable and help us to internalize what do you have for us.

We thank you, Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Aba

Hi, my name is Aba Awotwe and today, I will be reading John 15:1-17:

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

⁵“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

⁹“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! ¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. ¹⁶ You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Song – Emmanuel Musicians

This Is My Father’s World

This is my father's world
and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres

This is my father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my father's world
oh, let me never forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the ruler yet

This is my father's world
why should my heart be sad
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring
God reigns, let the earth be glad

Franklin Lawrence Sheppard
Maltbie Davenport Babcock

Abiding Reflections – Ron and Jill

(Brendon) Please join me in prayer: Lord Jesus, we are grateful and no less astounded that you call us your friends. You have reconciled us to God, adopted us as your children, and called us your friends. What an incredible honour and privilege and blessing! Awaken us in fresh ways to the incredible reality of this relationship we have with you and, by your Spirit, help us to live more deeply into it. We ask in your holy name. Amen.

We are continuing our summer series called “Abide” in which we are exploring the invitation from Jesus to abide or remain in him, as he abides or remains in us. Today, we have the privilege of hearing from Beverly Toth as she reflects on the incredible gift of friendship with Jesus that is ours as we abide in him. Before we hear from Beverly, however, let’s listen to a couple of responses to the question: “What does abiding in Jesus look like in your life?” Today we hear from Ron Basky and Jill Cook:

(Ron) When I think about the term “abiding in Christ” I believe it involves at least five things. First there is the **listening to Christ** through reading and studying His word. Secondly, after reading and studying His word I need to **believe in His word**. Third component which is similar to that of believing is that of **trusting**. I need to **trust His word**, and not to second guess or always challenge what I read but to fully trust in it. And when I fully trust in His word I am brought to a point of **surrendering my will** to His and living my life for His glory. Finally, I need to **do His will** and do what He is asking me to do. Recently in our small group study we were reading a book called *Hidden in Christ* and in this book the author James Smith uses Colossians 3 as his text and in Col. 3:16 the apostle Paul encourages us to “Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live and dwell in our hearts richly.” And I believe that that’s what abiding in Christ is.

(Jill) Abiding to me means I start my day in devotions and bible reading. I have a beautiful balcony that overlooks our property where I can sit with my morning tea. When I finish my devotions, I invite Jesus to come with me into my day. There have been times in my life in the past when I just left Him in the Bible.

I am living a very blessed period of my life where I am retired and living in the country. Most of my days consist of watering, planting, pruning, and weeding. Mostly weeding. Sometimes I play praise music while I work. Sometimes I sing to God. I am learning the old hymns and He doesn’t seem to mind that I am tone deaf. Most of the time though I let Him speak to me in the bird songs, the chipmunk chatter, and the rustle of the breeze. He has a beautiful voice. Chores that used to seem like work are now only another opportunity to be with the Lord.

When I do go into the city I try to keep in mind that every encounter no matter how brief is orchestrated by Him.

I love to walk our trails in the cool of the day. There are always new flowers and mushrooms and berries and birds. I think of the Psalm, “You will show me the path of life and your presence is fullness of joy, at your right hand are pleasure forever more.”

I like to imagine that He has gone before me and sprinkled gifts on my path, so I am very careful to notice the intricacy of the tiny flower petal, the majesty of the sky, how

the wild grass blows in the wind, and how the light filters through the trees. I don't want to miss any of His gifts. I love what the Psalmist has written, "that the little hills sing for joy, and the leaves clap their hands."

By living a life of thanksgiving and praise I have so much joy and peace, but also His counsel and comfort when I need it. Scriptures says to put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Not only that, but in His presence, life is an adventure. I will never get lonely or bored. It is beyond amazing to me that the Lord of Creation, the King of Glory, the Author of Salvation, would bend down and call me friend.

Teaching – Beverly

Hi everyone.

Although I'm thankful that we can connect even like this, I long to see your smiles, and hear your voices. I'd rather be speaking to you from the platform and have my knees shake behind the podium than speak into this microphone all by myself today. Alas, that is not to be today, so let's dive into God's Word together focusing in John 15: 9-17.

I've heard it said many times around Emmanuel that there is a need within us for connection. I believe that. We all want close relationships with others. We want others to engage with us not out of obligation but out of desire for deep friendship. For love and to give and to receive the way friends do!

What is a friend?

I think a friend is someone you enjoy spending time with, can relax with, and is someone you can really trust. A friend is someone who cares deeply enough about you that you feel comfortable in sharing with them the tough realities of your corner of the world. Someone who you know is with you through thick and thin.

Last week, four year old Zoe and I were in the car together. We drove by an empty playground. The play equipment was even blue. Of course we stopped. She climbed up the stairs of the slide and slid down over and over with such delight.

A girl on her bike and her grandpa came by. Grandpa sat on a bench across the way, and the girl circled the playground on her bike. Every time she got to the slide, Zoe would yell, 'Hi friend!' At first the girl was silent but gradually as she continued to loop the equipment on her bike, she would shyly reply, "Hi." That was the extent of their conversation.

When we were getting back in the car, Zoe turned around and faced the park again. She waved her arms wildly. "Goodbye my friend. I hope we see each other again!" Then the other child responded loudly, "Me too, friend, me too."

A sweet exchange, but friendship? Not really.

We have all experienced 'fairweather' friends. I remember someone who was very close to our family. We had been in the same small group for many years and she had been in our home several times. One day, she told my husband and me that if divorce was in our future, she could no longer be our friend. From that day forward, she never spoke to either of us again. Ouch. Is that friendship? Mmmmm – not really.

I have a friend whom I have known for over 55 years! Our moms would meet at the corner of the crescent and take us for walks in our strollers! This friend is very special to me. However, she has asked that I not talk about my relationship, my friendship with Jesus in front of her, because it makes her uncomfortable. I have honored her request, but our friendship is somewhat thwarted by this choice on her part. She knows me, but not really well, you know?

When we think of friendship we often think of our positive and negative human interactions. Perhaps that is what makes this passage in John 15 so powerful. It invites us to think about our DIVINE friend Jesus Christ.

Henry Gariepy was a Christ follower. He was also an author and a Salvation Army officer who died in 2010. He is probably best known for writing the book 100 Portraits of Christ. As we focus on our DIVINE friend, I quote him.

"If the worth of a friend is determined by that person's love, its quality and consistency, and bringing the best out of us, our reasoning leads us to realize that the greatest Friend we have is the One who loves us with an infinite love and enables us to become the best that we can be."

Jesus – the One who loves us with an infinite love and enables us to become the best that we can be?

What a friend we have in Jesus.

Christ says in John verses 9 – 10 (The Passion Translation): "I love each of you with the same love that the Father loves me. You must continually let my love nourish your hearts. If you keep my commands, you will live in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands, for I continually live nourished and empowered by his love."

The New Living Translation says simply, "When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love."

Oh that kind of love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 tells us of the truest love. "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

I don't know about you, but in and of myself? I am simply not capable of loving in this way. However, if I abide in Jesus – if I linger with Him and rest in Him, and make decisions with Him, and relax with Him, then it follows that I will become more like Him

and yes, learn to love in a better way. That makes me want to cling to the Vine. And in doing so, I will be obeying His commandment. Sounds like a win-win doesn't it?

This is one of the amazing things about Jesus and His love. It's like the proverbial onion. So many layers, and as I get to know Him more and more, I'm convinced I'll never get to the end of that perfect love.

That is why I agree with John when he declared that he must decrease - become less and less and the Lord must increase - become more and more.

God – Father, Son, and Spirit - desire relationship with us! And if we abide – if we linger and rest in God's presence – we are told we will know joy.

I don't think it means the 'yahoo, look at me sparkle all over this party' kind of joy. But we will taste and see that the Lord is good. We will experience an underlying kind of 'overflowing gladness' that comes as gift from the God of the universe. It is far beyond any emotion we can muster up ourselves. It is a joy that runs deep...something that is not dependent on circumstances or status.

Another quote from Garipey says "Jesus gave the supreme test of friendship when he said, 'Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.'" (John 15:13) He goes on to say, "Our Lord's sacrifice on Calvary is the greatest act of love ever demonstrated on our behalf. By his salvation and power he lifts life to its highest heights as he enhances, enriches, and enables the life we yield to him."

Like you, I love reading stories of people who have been extravagant in their sacrificial love for someone else.

Last week, there was a story that went viral.

A six year old boy in Wyoming put himself in between his little sister and a large dog to protect her. He was viciously bitten, resulting in over 90 stitches on his mouth, forehead and cheeks. The photo on FaceBook shows his swollen face, and his arm is around his petite 4 year old sister. Famous folks like Chris Evans and Robert Downey Jr. sent him well wishes for his hero-like behavior. This is a great example of loving another well – and not putting your own interests first all the time.

'The greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all. And this great love is demonstrated when a person sacrifices his life for his friends.' John 15:13 (TPT)

For those who believe and trust God with their lives, it is the example of Jesus we think of when we hear this verse. Jesus, who loved all of us enough to take on the humble position of a slave. He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. (See Phil:2) Why did He do that? So we can experience a sweet friendship with the triune God.

Romans 5: 8 says 'While we were yet sinners He laid down his life for us.'...That is perfect friendship. Perfect love.

O friends, let us look with wonder at the depth of God's marvelous love that He has lavished on us! (see 1 John 3:1)

What a friend we have in Jesus.

During these past months, David and I have been making our way through the seven seasons of *The West Wing*. (Has anyone else watched a little more TV than usual?) It's a political drama from twenty years ago starring Martin Sheen among others.

What is fascinating about this old show, aside from the incredibly fast paced dialogue between very brilliant characters, is the way the relationships of those in the white house click and clash.

One thing does not change however, and that is the deep respect the staff feel for the leader of the country - the president. They banter like friends will, but no one crosses the line with him. Everyone is aware that though their love and devotion to one another run deep, the president's position affords him a different kind of honor and respect.

And so it is with our friendship with Jesus. Our DIVINE friend. Though we are friends, it is a different friendship. We are still to acknowledge His Lordship in our lives. We are to love well, to obey His commandments, and thereby grow in knowledge and wisdom.

And another thought about the fictitious President Jed Bartlett. You had to be a pretty important person to get 5 minutes with him. Getting into the oval office was a very big deal. Yet, as friends of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour and the Son of God? We can spend time with Him, sit with Him, and remain with him anytime day or night. He is always with us. We are not alone.

Oswald Sanders has said, "Each of us is as close to God as we choose to be. We are His friends, and we ought to be near the throne, listening to His Word, enjoying His intimacy and obeying His commandments."

What a friend we have in Jesus.

Brennan Manning's life was full. He was a recovering alcoholic and was also a Franciscan priest for a while. He spent his life telling people of the incredible power of God's love and grace. He knew God and God loved him. Though the grip of addiction still reared its head from time to time in his life, Brennan declared the great mystery that we are fiercely loved by God and 'have been seized by the power of a great affection'. In his books, dear Brennan unfolds story after story of his own imperfections and weaknesses and the reader is struck by God's amazing grace toward him. We are reminded that our friendship with others and with the Lord is not perfect. We will let others down and have selfish motivations, ... but Jesus' friendship with us IS perfect.

What a friend we have in Jesus.

Verse 17 says once again, we are to love each other.

The Amplified Bible says we are to 'unselfishly seek the best for one another'. You know, like friends should.

A friend is someone you enjoy spending time with, can relax with, and is someone you can really trust. A friend is someone who cares deeply enough about you that you feel comfortable in sharing with them the tough realities of your corner of the world. Someone who you know is with you through thick and thin.

Friendship can be sweet, and it does require some effort. We delight in it, but if we want to see it grow and develop, we can do things to nurture it. Cultivate it. By doing so, it becomes stronger. Our Friendship with Jesus is no different.

If we want that relationship to flourish, then we can do things to nurture it. Cultivate it. Spend time with Jesus. Relax with Jesus. Learn to trust Him more. Share the tough realities from your corner of the world with Him. Know that God is with you through thick and thin.

Oh friends, may we learn to cling to the Vine for all of our days.

In Mark 12, Jesus was asked which commandment is the greatest of all.

Jesus answered, "The most important of all the commandments is this: 'The Lord Yahweh, our God, is one!' You are to love the Lord Yahweh, your God, with every passion of your heart, with all the energy of your being, with every thought that is within you, and with all your strength. This is the great and supreme commandment. And the second is this: 'You must love your neighbor in the same way you love yourself.' You will never find a greater commandment than these." (Mark 12:30-31, TPT)

What? This is it? I'm looking for another long list of dos and don'ts to put on my wall. You know, things that I can check off that I've done well, or things that I've failed at achieving and have to work at ... and then I hear this.

Can it be this simple, my friends? Yes. Love God, love people.

I once heard of a church that paid a promoter a large sum of money for a catchy slogan for their church. I will give us one for free. Love God, love people.

Looking back to the beginning of this rich chapter, we are given the analogy of Jesus being the vine, and we being the branches. So to unpack the word picture even more, if we are attached to the main trunk of the Vine, if we are truly connected, and remain so then we will gain strength, as will the other connected branches.

We may even learn how to relate well to the other branches as we remain, and linger, and allow the Son to warm us, and help us bear good fruit. It is here we will learn to love and give of ourselves. Maybe to the point of laying down our lives for others.

As John calls us to in 1 John 3:16, "This is how we have discovered love's reality: Jesus sacrificed his life for us. Because of this great love, we should be willing to lay down our lives for one another."

Brennan Manning writes, “Jesus said you are to love one another as I have loved you, a love that will possibly lead to the bloody, anguished gift of yourself; a love that forgives seventy times seven, that keeps no score of wrongdoing.

Jesus said this, this love, is the one criterion, the sole norm, the standard of discipleship in the New Israel of God. He said you’re going to be identified as His disciples not because of your church-going, Bible-toting, or song-singing. No, you’ll be identified as His by one sign only: the deep and delicate respect for one another, the cordial love impregnated with reverence for the sacred dimension of the human personality because of the mysterious substitution of Christ for the Christian.”

What a friend we have in Jesus!

And as we lean into our friendship with Christ, and abide there, we are able to more fully love God, and love people.

So today let’s do it. Let us join countless others that have come before us. Let’s obey this commandment – let’s love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and love others too.

May the Father, Son, and Spirit be honored and glorified in our lives as we do so.

Song – Emmanuel Musicians

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
take it to the Lord in prayer

Do thy friends despise forsake thee
take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
thou wilt find a solace there

Charles Crozat Converse
Joseph Medlicott Scriven

Benediction – Brendon

May we go now, dependent on God, rooted in Jesus and led by the Spirit, to fully love God and all people for God's Kingdom, pleasure and glory. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Musicians

Russ Berg, Adam Bourassa, Amy Bourassa, Julia Friesen, John Erik Gustafson, Scott Jeschke, Scott Lepp, Laura Monchuk, rob Priestley, Ian Summach, Beverly Toth, Dale Wilson, Dave Young.