

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**Sunday September 13, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

The Life and Work of the St. Bart's Community

Prelude: As the Deer Panteth for the Water  
(In memory of Rose Marie Beatty)

Martin J. Nystrom

Lighting the Christ Candle

**Call to Worship**

One: Cool evenings relieve the summer heat and the wind calls to the autumn leaves.

**All: The sky calls to the birds of summer and the earth calls to the animals. The fall brings new challenges and new adventures.**

One: We are all being called.

**All: May we hear God's call to us and respond with love.  
Let's worship God together!**

**Greeting**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.** (Greet each other with a sign of peace.)

**Opening Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory**

**VU 686**

**Prayer of Approach**

**All: Gracious and loving God, the fall weather stirs us to change and to prepare for winter. We leave behind the hot lazy days of summer and gather together online to live out our Christian faith together. We are stirred to change ourselves and to change the world around us. Forgive our sins as we forgive, and relieve us of our burdens of anger, fear, guilt and regret. Forgive us and allow us to be freed and born anew in your gracious love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Youth Time: "Warnings"

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Genesis 50:15-21

"May God's Word be a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path."

Solo: Dear Lord, Forgive

C.M. Battersby & C.H. Gabriel

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: "*Forgive Us*"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

**Hymn: Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

**VU 364**

### The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Minute for St. Bart's

Prayer of Dedication

**The Apostles' Creed**

**VU p.918**

### Prayers of the People

**Prayer Prelude: Holy Sacred Spirit**

**MV 15**

**Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your breath on us.**

**Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your life in us.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

**The Lord's Prayer**

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD

**Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

**VU 651**

Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude: Postlude from "Scipio" - Handel

## NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Worship Leader:	Rev. Jeff Bacon
Director of Music:	Dorean Boss
Scripture Reader:	Terry Gabel
Soloist:	Melissa Schoonhoven
Minute for St. Bart's:	Ken Pebesma
Sound & Video:	Lori Pereira & Frank Roberts
Social Media:	Steve Rhodes

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Joanne Moote Concisom, Cheryl Leonard, Emmett Young,  
Taeya Bodiam, Gerry Minor, Andy Bertrand, Grace Longfield, Bill Walker,  
Jean White, Carolyn Ross, Barbara Matthews, Marlene Merritt,  
all those who are dear to us, and all of us in our isolation.

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***Creation Time 1***  
***Online Worship Service***



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We are a Christian community of faith growing spiritually by serving others and Creation through meaningful worship and music accompanied by compassionate, thoughtful care and outreach.