

the cup of blessing, the drink which satisfies the deep thirst within our soul. Take and drink and be blessed. (*cup is taken*)

Prayer after communion

Holy God, even when all of this is over, may we not forget how you held us together while we were apart, how you built a table across the pandemic physical distancing, and how you call us to continue the work of table-building. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

To Be the Story

Sharing our Gifts

Offertory: VU 537 *Your Work O God Needs Many*

Prayer of Dedication:

Gracious God, we thank you for our present abundance and for the many blessings you have bestowed upon this community. We thank you for our faith, for our knowledge of you, and for the assurance of your love. May all these gifts be a blessing to those in need. Amen.

Prayers of the People – offered by Olive Cote

To Tell the Story

Hymn: VU# 481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sending Forth –

Choral Benediction (*© 1990 Ralph Johnston*)

As our path wanders onward to the rising of the sun, may the wind that moves among us, help us travel through all harm, 'til the evening of life shines forth into dawn, may God be with us as we go, as we go, in peace.

Postlude - *This Very Fine Day* (Ralph Johnston – piano)

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NORTH BAY, ONTARIO



Sunday, June 27th, 2021
including Celebration of Holy Communion

The Church Gathers

Welcome and Announcements

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

Lighting of Christ Candle

The Call to Worship

Risk reaching out in faith touching the hem of Jesus' in worship.

Risk believing in wholeness even is your brokenness.

Risk offering yourself in worship trusting in the love of Christ.

Come and find the presence of the healer, the teacher, the Christ
as we gather in worship.

Gathering Prayer

Loving God, we are yours.

We come as we are, with our cares and concerns.

We long to touch you and find healing in your embrace.

**Strengthen our faith and heal our brokenness,
that we may worship you with joy. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: VU # 226 For the Beauty of the Earth

To Hear the Story

Scripture Reading: *Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43* Elizabeth Brownlee

One: These words are offered as wisdom for our journey.

All: Let us walk together in their truth

Reflection: In Search of Wholeness

Anthem: MV 186 Because Jesus Felt

Holy Communion

Gathering at God's Holy Table

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Invitation to the Table

Even when we cannot physically gather together, God invites us to
gather as one at the table of communion, the table of community, ...
God's hospitality is radical enough to welcome us
from our own private tables into God's shared and holy space.

Table Prayer of Thanksgiving

While we long to return to normal, to just be together, tasting the
same bread, sharing the same cup, we cannot deny that there is still
and is always reason to bring our thanks and praise to you, abiding
God. ... And hear us as we pray in the quiet of our homes, or our
hearts, wherever we may be, the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray
saying, **Lord's Prayer**

Communion Hymn: VU#466 Eat this Bread

The Gifts of the Table

What we now do, was given to us as a gift from Christ, these actions
now recall in memory and heart, the self-giving love of Christ for each
of us and all of us.... Let us eat our bread remembering that Christ is
the Bread of Life, the bread for our journey, the blessing of that which
feeds our soul. Take and eat and be blessed. *(bread is eaten)*

Now hold the gift the cup that you have brought to the table, and
remember ... Let us drink from our cups remembering that Christ is