

Full Service for May 12, 2019

HH= Handheld, L = Lectern, FM = Floor Mic, #1 - Alison's mic, G=guitar,
#2 – Hugo, #3 – Nick, #4 – Ian, #5 – Clara,

PRELUDE

HH - Peggy: **WELCOME/NEWS/GREETING**

HH - LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Lauren: The Christ Candle is lit in honour of the Christ Spirit that lives and moves within,
between, and beyond, enlivening life with the energy of love and compassion.

L - ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Nick: Please join us in saying the Entrance to Worship...

Nick: Jesus said: Of faith, hope and love, love is the greatest

We come to worship God who is love

Ian: As this day enfolds and surrounds us

Be in our speaking and our thinking;

Hugo: Be in our lives and in our actions;

Be in our hearts and our souls

X: Today and forever.

Nick: We would like to invite you to stand and sing our opening hymn...You've Got to Move
When the Spirit Says Move

#1 Alison: HYMN You Got to Move When the Spirit Says Move

You got to move when the Spirit says move!
'Cause when the Spirit say move, you got to move. Oh yeah!
You got to move when the Spirit says move.

You got to sing when the Spirit says sing!
You got to sing when the Spirit says sing!
'Cause when the Spirit say sing, you got to sing. Oh yeah!
You got to sing when the Spirit says sing.

You got to love when the Spirit says love!
You got to love when the Spirit says love!
'Cause when the Spirit say love, you got to love. Oh yeah!
You got to love when the Spirit says love!

L - GATHERING PRAYER

Clara: Please be seated as we join together to say the Gathering prayer...(*pause for them to sit and settle*)

All: **Loving God, open our hearts that we may see others through your eyes
Unclench our hands that we may reach out to one another,
In compassion and love.
Open our mouths that we may speak words that encourage and support.
Open our eyes that we may see Christ in friend and stranger.
Breathe your spirit into us and show us the way of Jesus. Amen.**

We hear the Wisdom of God...

HH - Claire & Rachelle: PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO GRADE FOUR CHILDREN

Becca: The Bible is a book filled with stories, history, parables and metaphors about our faith from before, during, and after the time of Jesus.

Rachelle: It is a special time in our lives when we receive our first Bible. The grade four children are now of the age where they are able to read the Bible on their own. It is a book they can turn to for guidance in times of joy and sorrow, confusion and doubt.

Becca: It is a book that holds many truths to assist them in making decisions about how they will choose to live, and how they will respond to the challenges that life presents them.

Rachelle: In supporting their journey of faith, the people of St. David's United Church present a bible to the following children:

Sasha Carlsen Hugo Goasdoue-Wallace Quinn Mahoney

Rachelle: Today's scripture comes to us from First Corinthians chapter 13: verses 1-8, 13

HH - Grade 4's: SCRIPTURE READINGS I Corinthians 13: 1-8, 13

The Greatest of These Is Love

Hugo: If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

Sasha: If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Quinn: It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

#1, Piano - SONG Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord
Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!
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AGCS #1

Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
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Praise ye the Lord!

HH - Trent, Stephanie and Alison: RITE OF EXPLORATION
Clara Sandy Carly Kulcsar Lauren Lowe

L - INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

Lauren: As we share our gifts and offerings this morning, Brent will share his gift of music.

L- RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN

Tune VU #541

Clara: Please join us in singing the dedication hymn...

#1, Piano:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Give thanks for seeds of hope that grow
May winds of peace and joy be known
Through you, allow God's love to glow

REFLECTION: "These Hands?"

Written by Alison Demeter

L - INTRODUCTION TO THE REFLECTION

Carly: Portions of a number of songs will be presented during the reflection this morning. You are invited to join in the singing as you are comfortable and when the words appear on the screen...

Human Hero Hands

#1, Guitar

Scene 1: Anthem: These Hands

All children enter and sing the song: These Hands

Projection:

Some hands have held the world together
Some hands have fought in wars forever
Tell me what shall I do with these hands of mine?

Some hands have blessed a million people
Some hands helped free the world from evil
Tell me what shall I do with these hands of mine?

What shall I do with these hands of mine?
What shall I do with these hands of mine?
The world could use a hero of the human kind
So tell me what shall I do with these hands of mine?

Some hands can stop a life from dying
Some hands comfort a baby crying
So, tell me what shall I do with these hands of mine?

What shall I do with these hands of mine?
What shall I do with these hands of mine?
The world could use a hero of the human kind
So tell me what shall I do with these hands of mine?

I want to sing it from my heart, I want to hear it in the wind
'Til it blows around the world, and comes back again
All that we can ask, is for ours to be free
To use them when we want, for whatever the need

Some hands give voice to a nation
Some hands wrote "The Times They Are a-Changin'"
So, tell me what shall I do with these hands of mine?

What shall I do with these hands of mine?
What shall I do with these hands of mine?
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HH, #2, #3, #4

Scene 2: The Super Hero Expert
Hugo, Nick, Carly

Hugo: Hey Nick, don't you think it's been a great year... you know... learning about superheroes and all?

Nick: Yah, and we wouldn't have done it ...if it weren't for me.

Hugo: What do you mean?

Nick: I know almost everything there is to know about superheroes.

Hugo: What does that have to do with *us* learning about superheroes?

Nick: Everything. Miss Alison knows that I am a superhero expert. The idea came from a conversation we had and every time she got stuck this year, she came to me for help.

Hugo: That's pretty cool! You must know a lot about them.

Nick: As I said... I'm the expert!

Ian: I've really enjoyed this year and don't get me wrong... I think superheroes are great... I just wish that there were real superheroes... you know... people living among and around us with real superpowers.

Hugo: I think there are.

Xavier: What do you mean?

Hugo: Have you ever noticed that whenever you watch a superhero movie there is always someone fighting or something getting destroyed?

Nick: Of course, that's what makes it so exciting!

Hugo: Have you noticed that almost all superheroes have superpowers like super human strength or the ability to fly or they can change from one form into another?

Nick: That's what makes them superheroes!

Hugo: Did you notice that every time a superhero came to visit this year, Miss Alison didn't talk about those things even one time.

Ian: You're right! She told stories from the Bible and talked about how the superheroes were like the characters in the stories.

Xavier: But what does that have to do with superheroes around and among us?

Hugo: Can you hold on for a minute? I'll be right back.

Hugo goes over to the FQ kids and talks with them

HH, #2

Scene 3: Human Heroes from the Bible
All participants

Hugo: Ok, I've got this... I asked some of the Faith Quest kids to help me answer your question. I am going to name a superhero and they are going to name the Bible character Miss Alison matched them up with. They are also going to tell you what superpowers the two of them share. Ready? Here we go.... Spiderman?

Clara: Jonah. His superpower was responsibility.

Hugo: Cat Girl?

Iris: Miriam. Her superpowers were compassion and gentleness.

Evelyn: But she was also able to use her courage and strength to stand up for what was right.

Hugo: Robin?

Xavier: Nehemiah. His superpower was his ability to solve problems.

Hugo: Wonder Woman?

Carly: Esther. Leadership, persuasion, diplomacy, and a great deal of courage.

Hugo: Superman?

Ian: Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego. Courage and faith to live what was in their heart.

Hugo: Bat Girl?

Sammy: Naaman's servant girl. She had compassion.

Hugo: Ironman?

Owen: David. He had courage.

Nick: But he was also inventive and resourceful, he believed in himself and he didn't underestimate his capabilities. That said... his greatest superpower of all was his compassion.

Hugo: Hulk?

Jasper: Strength and friendship.

Hugo: Yes, strength and friendship. Super Girl?

Quinn: Naomi. Her superpowers were courage, integrity and love for others.

Hugo: And Violet?

Sasha: It was Jesus. But Miss Alison didn't say what her superpowers are.

Nick: Batman was in on that story too, but as I have told Miss Alison before, he doesn't really have any superpowers.

Hugo: Technically you're right, Nick... but she did talk about them choosing to do what is "for the good of all people" instead of just themselves. I think that is a superpower.

Xavier: But what would you call that superpower?

Nick: It could be a lot of things. I'm going to have to think on that one.

Lauren: Speaking of Jesus, I've been analyzing the answers as we've been going along, and I think I have come to a conclusion about what Miss Alison might have been trying to get at.

Clara: What?

Carly: Remember that song that she was teaching us?

Evelyn: What song?

Quinn: Clara and Evelyn weren't here that day... Why don't we get everyone to sing it so that you know what you're talking about.

Sasha: OK... let's do it! You two and everybody else can just join in if you know it.

#1, Guitar	Song: Put Your Hand in the Hand <i>Ian, Clara, Lauren</i>
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Projection:

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water
 Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea
 Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently
 By putting your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee

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HH, #5	Scene 3: The Way of Jesus <i>Clara, Carly, Evelyn, Sasha, Quinn & Lauren</i>
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Clara: I still don't get it.

Lauren: Do you know who the man from Galilee was?

Clara: Sure... it was Jesus, but what does this have to do with the superpowers?

Quinn: Let's see... responsibility, compassion, gentleness, courage, strength, standing up for what was right...

Carly: the ability to solve problems, leadership, persuasion, diplomacy, faith to live what's in one's heart...

Sasha: inventive and resourceful, believing in oneself and not underestimating one's capabilities...

Lauren: Friendship, integrity and love for others, and choosing what is for the good of all people!

Evelyn: I get it, Clara. These were the things Jesus taught. This was his way of living.

Quinn: Yah, but without the fighting or the destruction. He taught people to go about it peacefully.

HH, #3,#4,#5

Scene 4: Human Superpowers
Clara, Ian, Lauren, Nick

Ian: So... what you are saying is that... when we choose to live the way Jesus taught, we also have these superpowers?

Lauren: Exactly!

Nick: But that still doesn't make us superheroes.

Lauren: You're right... it makes us Human Heroes.

Clara: Not computing!

Ian: I think I know what you are getting at and how to explain it. Clara, you wait here and everybody else come with me... this might take a minute, it might be a good idea for everyone to sing a hymn while you are waiting...

All move to X's on the floor, take off hoodies, put on capes, and turned around...

#1, Piano

Hymn: Here I am Lord

Projection:

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Who shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I Lord
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them, they turn away
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I Lord
I have heard you calling in the night

I will go Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I Lord
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

HH, #3, #4, #5

Scene 5: Our Human Superpowers
Clara, Carly & Lauren

- Ian: Ok, we're ready... Clara, please accept this human hero cape and allow me to introduce and welcome you to the SDUC... that means St. David's United Church... Human Hero League. *(all turn around)* Why are we human heroes? Because God made each of us unique and gave each of us superpowers to make the world a better place.
- Clara: How do you know what your superpowers are?
- Ian: Easy... just ask your mom! For example, if you were to ask my mom, she would tell you that my superpowers are "creativity" and "perseverance." She says that an example of this is when I write stories.
- Lauren: If you were to talk to my mom, she would tell you that my superpowers are wisdom and caring.
- Sammy: My superpowers are kindness and forgiveness. I am always kind to my mummy.
- Ian: Yah, and when Owen says he is sorry for hurting you and you say, "That's ok." ... that's forgiveness.
- Davis: I'll go next... my mom says that I have a powerful voice
- Quinn: She also says you have a powerful presence, and that you seem fearless in most situations. She says that you are always joyful, smiling and fun loving.
- Carly: My mom says that my superpowers are bravery and persistence.
- Xavier: My mom says that I am very kind and understanding.

Iris: Both my mom and my grandma say that I am full of spirit and determination.

Tate: My mom says I am athletic and caring.

Owen: My mom says that I am good at taking risks.

Ian: That's not all... because you make lots of things, she says that you are creative.

Sasha: Hey, my mom says that I am creative too, but she also says that I am compassionate.

Hugo: And my mom says that I am creative, with another of my superpowers being passion.

Evelyn: My mom says that my superpowers are my inner beauty and my resilience.

Jasper: My grandma says I am resilient too.

Ian: You're not just resilient, I've heard her talk about how you are humorous and about how tender your heart is.

Quinn: My mom says that my superpowers are compassion and willingness. She says that I am always showing compassion for the people around me. For instance, I love it when my family and friends are happy. Or, when my brother is sad, I comfort him. And, she says that I am always willing to help out with pretty much anything... that I'm selfless... whatever that means.

Vivian: My mom says I am friendly and have a good imagination.

Ian: What are your superpowers, Clara?

Clara: Well if you were to ask my mom, she would tell you that I am creative and responsible.

Nick: Like Evelyn and Jasper, my mom says I am resilient too. She says that one of my superpowers is 'purpose' and it provides me with my 'power' to be resilient and to grow in unlimited ways. She also says that I have exceptional perception and learning abilities that allow me to persuasively communicate my needs and wishes so that I can achieve my purpose. And right now, I have a purpose and a need.

Hugo: What is it?

Nick: Remember when I told you that I needed to think of what superpower represents individuals choosing to do what is... “for the good of all people” ...instead of just themselves.

Sasha: She said that about Batman and Violet.

Nick: Right! I think I know what it is... my purpose is to communicate it and my need is to see if you all know what our greatest superpower is. I am pretty sure that none of our mom or grandmas mentioned it.

Hugo: To make sure, why don’t we review all of our superpowers.

Carly: Purpose, power, creativity, perseverance, and kindness.

Xavier: Forgiveness and risk taking.

Sasha: Understanding, kindness, joyfulness and humor.

Quinn: Determination, fearlessness, and beauty.

Xavier: Passion and spirit.

Lauren: Tenderness, resilience, and compassion.

Evelyn: Having a powerful presence

Clara, Ian, Hugo and Nick move into the center...

Ian: With willingness and responsibility, I think we have them all.

Hugo: And the greatest superpower of all is.... drumroll please...

Nick: Love.... Love is the greatest superpower of every superhero and every human hero.

Hugo: With love as the base for all our other superpowers... we have the power to be human heroes. It doesn’t matter how big or small our hands are, if we follow the way of Jesus... the way of love... we have the power to make change in the world for the good of ALL people.

FM

SONG: With My Own Two Hands

Projection:

I can change the world with my own two hands
Make it a better place with my own two hands

**Make it a kinder place with my own two hands
With my own, with my own two hands**

**I can make peace on earth with my own two hands
I can clean up the earth with my own two hands
I can reach out to you with my own two hands
With my own, with my own two hands
with my own, with my own two hands**

**I'm going to make it a brighter place with my own two hands
I'm going to make it a safer place with my own two hands
I'm going to help the human race with my own two hands
With my own, with my own two hands
with my own, with my own two hands**

**I can hold you in my own two hands
I can comfort you with my own two hands
But you've got to use, use your own two hands
Use your own, use your own two hands
use your own, use your own two hands**

**With our own, with our own two hands
with my own, with my own two hands *We respond...***

L - THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ***(wait until we are in place, please)***

Clara: To prepare our minds, hearts and bodies to speak this responsive prayer, we invite you to take a breath and find your center... *(pause here to give people time to breath)*

Quinn: Holy and Gracious God,
For every breath we take, for every beat of our hearts, for every sensation in our bodies:

We give you thanks

Lauren: For ears that listen, for hands that hold, for the arms that reach out in love:

We give you thanks

Carly: For relief from pain, for the tears of shared sorrow, for the laughter of shared joy:

We give you thanks

Sasha: For the gift of faith, for the power of hope, and the ability to love

We give you thanks

Evelyn: For mothers, who offer all of this and more:

We give you thanks

Lauren: For mothers, who have named our human superpowers and continue to help us grow into them

We give you thanks

Carly: For Spirit who reveals, for the courage you offer us, for the path you invite us to follow:

We give you thanks

Quinn: And we continue singing the prayer Jesus taught...

#1, Piano

Lord's Prayer

#959

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today, our daily bread, forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever**

**Evelyn: Please join us in singing our closing hymn... Put a Little Love in Your
Heart**

Think of your fellow man, lend him a helping hand
 Put a little love in your heart
 You see it's getting late, oh please don't hesitate
 Put a little love in your heart

Chorus

And the world will be a better place,
 And the world will be a better place,
 And the world will be a better place,
 For you, and me, you just wait and see
 Put a little love in your heart now
 Put a little love in your heart

Another day goes by and still the children cry
 Put a little love in your heart
 If you want the world to know, we won't let hatred grow
 Put a little love in your heart
 Chorus...

Take a good look around and if you're looking down
 Put a little love in your heart
 I hope when you decide, kindness will be your guide
 Put a little love in your heart
 Chorus...

L - BLESSING

X: May God bless you with love that is patient and kind.
Hugo: May God lead you along a path that rejoices in truth.
Ian: May God teach you and guide you.
Nick: May we go now into the world in peace;
X: Blessed with a love that always protects
All: **always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres**
Hugo: And never fails.
Amen

#1, Guitar, Piano **SUNG BENEDICTION** Blessing

Alison: And for our sung benediction....

Joy be in thy heart
Peace be in thy spirit
Compassion be thy journey
Love be in thee

Joy be in my heart
Peace be in my spirit
Compassion be my journey
Love be in me

POSTLUDE