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WE GATHER

In the beauty of this place, wherever you may be, we welcome you to come pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Wherever you may be may you find the calm and soothing from God that you need, in this service, Welcome!

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle –

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back by distance, which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

Acknowledging Our Kinship

ne: For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on their traditional territory and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

II: **Many of us have come from other places, arriving from distant shores, our families arriving years ago or some of us more recently. When settlers came, they were met by others who were already here, already knew these lands, already lived rich and full lives based on ancient and proud cultures.**

ne: As we acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and their continued claims to the land, help us to become neighbours that we might live together in better ways.

II: **For we are all kin in Christ, “All My Relations,” with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.**

Gathering Hymn - Come and Find a Quiet Centre

Call To Worship

We gather for worship,
some of us returning to a familiar place that feels a bit different,
and some of us from the comfort of our own homes.

Whether in shared space, or through printed word,
or through the gift of technology,
we are a community of faith.

Here we seek connection to God,
Who we believe in, and who believes in us.

Come, let us worship God. Amen.

Young at Heart Children's Time

Hymn of Praise - "Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary" MV18

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems. We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts. It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. Jesus' own disciples struggled with his teachings. It took a long time for them to understand fully what Jesus was saying and how they were to respond. We are no different. The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend. Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; when we just want to "get on with it", and be where the action is. Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Push us in our ministry of help and compassion to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others. Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Even though you doubt and question, God's love is poured on you, in you, and through you to others. Rest assured in God's presence and love for you that will never fail or abandon you. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are healed, restored, and forgiven. **AMEN!**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading - 1 Kings 8 - Selected Verses

Meditation - *The Promises of God*

Hymn - "God of Grace and God of Glory" 686 VU

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Eternal God,

there is no other god who can compare to you,
in heaven or on the earth.

Even the highest heavens cannot contain you!

And yet, you walk among us.

We have experienced your presence in our midst,
and have felt your guiding hand.

You have faithfully kept your covenant with us,
and shown unfailing love to all who trust in you.

And so we come before you with confidence,
believing that you hear the prayers we offer,
and that you will respond.

(a moment for silent prayers and petitions)

Gracious God, hear our prayers.

Look with mercy on your gathered people.

Go with us, as you have gone with your people throughout history.

Give us a desire to do your will in all things,
so that the whole world may come to know
that you alone are God. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn - Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah - 651 VU

Commissioning and Benediction

God is always with you. Even when times get difficult and the way is not clear, God is truly by your side. Rest in God's strength and love. Serve God with joy. Go in peace. AMEN.

Announcements



The UCW will be meeting in the hall on September 14. If anyone is interested there are several positions open within the group. They need a chairperson and a treasurer. All women are welcome.



Mark your Calendars! Tell your friends!
Welcome back Sunday is September 12, we hope to have the service in the Sanctuary. We also hope to have a bbq after the service with a time of fellowship, all safely outside. Please note this BBQ will depend on Covid protocols on that day. We look forward to welcoming one and all back!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Women of the Bible

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| Dorcas | Eve | Martha | Sarah |
| Bathsheba | Mary Magdalene | Mary | Miriam |
| Rachel | Rebekah | Leah | Gomer |
| Elizabeth | Dinah | Delilah | Anna |
| Jezebel | Rahab | Queen of Sheba | Naomi |
| Ruth | | | |