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WE GATHER

Welcome -

Jesus said, whoever welcomes one such child, welcomes me. We are all children of God, we are all welcome in the place and we know that God is here!

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle -

May the Light and Peace of Christ be with us in this service and always.

Acknowledging Our Kinship

As we begin today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous People of this region. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations as we live, work, and worship upon Traditional Territory. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.

Gathering Hymn - Jesus Loves Me-VU365

Call To Worship

Beloved of God, we are called here today.

We are called at every age, from every corner, to gather.

Children of God, let us playfully worship together,

worshipping God who made each of us and loves all of us.

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Young at Heart Time - No Way to Treat a Child

Hymn of Praise - Jesus, Friend of Little Children VU 340

Prayer of Confession

**God of All the Ages,
we thank you for this day,
for caring for us beautifully in this time.
We praise your name for the gift of children
in our lives and in our community.
Forgive us for times when we discount their voices.
Help us share your story with one another
that we may remember your love written on our hearts.
Remind us to follow children,
as they lead us to living the kin-dom way.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

In the story of Genesis, when God created humankind—they were created in God's image! And indeed, God blessed them so they might grow and flourish along with creation. As children of God, we are blessed again and again with the love of God, and we are welcomed into relationship with Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading - Deuteronomy 11:18–21 Matthew 18:1–5,
19:13–15

Meditation - *Whoever Welcomes One Such Child*

Hymn - *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*- **VU 644**

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern -

Gracious God,
We thank you for the gifts of this day,
for the time to gather with all ages,
as part of the Body of Christ in the world.
Most of all, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus,
as he came to be guest and host at our tables.

We pray for the faithful all over the world,
that all who love you may be united in your service.
We pray for the church,
for our witness and action together in and
around Canada and with our global partners.
May we support partners working with children,
like the Growing Youth Program and
teachers of every school and every grade.
May we continue to love and serve as Jesus taught,
calling those on the margins to gather together for God's blessing.
O God, know our hearts. And love us, we pray.

We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations,
that they may be reconciled one to another
in pursuit of your justice and peace.
We pray that our leaders—
national, provincial, and local—
might serve with humility and grace,
remembering the needs around them
of all peoples and all ages.
We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed, or violence,
that the heart of your humanity may warm with your tenderness.

We pray especially for all prisoners of politics or religion,
and for all refugees.

We pray for children of the world who face emotional, sexual, or
physical violence.

Help us challenge behaviours and attitudes that cause harm,
and help us become advocates for a world that values children.

We pray for the land, the sea, and the sky,
that we may live with respect in creation
and use your gifts with reverence.

We pray that the generations beyond us
will love and respect your blessings of creation.

O God, know our hearts. And love us, we pray.

We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness,
loneliness, fear, or loss,
that those whose names are in our hearts,
in the hearts of others, or known to you alone
may receive strength and courage.

And in the silence of our hearts, we name those dear to us
and those we meet yet do not know....

O God, know our hearts. And love us. we pray.

Now, let us use the words Jesus taught us, praying...

The Lord's Prayer

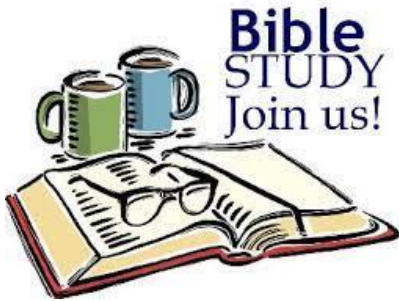
Final Hymn - The Church is Wherever God's People- VU579

Commissioning and Benediction -

Let us go into the world daring to let children lead,
partnering with friends and neighbours,
as we seek God's justice and peace.

May God, who loves us from our borning cry, go with us.
May Jesus, who welcomes us into relationship, stay with us.
And may the Spirit's persistent call for peace be with us.
This day. This week. And always. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



5 week Bible Study-The Good News of Joy to the world starts November 24 and runs every Wednesday until December 22nd. Please let Rev.Cheryl or the Office know if you want to participate-Time to be determined by participants.



Please check the hall for a Coffee sign up list, to help with Fellowship time after Sunday Service.



Board Meeting on November 18 at 10:30am in the hall.



Today's bulletin is dedicated to "OUR TWINS" Neil and Nyla (Hatch) who will be celebrating their birthdays on November 16th. Each day we count our blessings, continue to make and share memories together, sometimes in unusual ways. We encourage you both to keep smiling, rocking, and challenging yourselves! Happy Birthday and much love from inspired family and friends.