

REETING AND GATHERING

The Lord be with you... **And also with you.**

Announcements

Passing of the Peace (MFUC)

*All are invited to pass the peace from their spot,
offering a sign of peace to your neighbours.*

*We prepare our hearts and minds for worship
with the lighting of the Christ candle.*

* Introit

* Call to Worship

One: We gather within this sanctuary, and elsewhere, to worship God.
We gather to reflect upon Christ's life and ministry.

Many: We gather seeking comfort, inspiration, community and insight.

One: We gather to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**Many: We gather to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives,
and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

One: We gather seeking strength to continue on our journey.

All: We gather in praise and thanksgiving! Let us worship!

* Welcome and Opening Prayer

* Hymn: VU #412, "This is the Day" (MF)

Conversation Time

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, Creator of all things, you have given the gift of Jesus, the true vine, and allow us to grow as branches from him. Forgive us when we separate ourselves from the vine, and try to grow on our own. Forgive us when we think we can bear fruit by ourselves. Prune our branches enabling new growth. We seek your nurture and your strength so that we may bring forth, sweet fruit of pure, courageous and compassionate living, serving the Risen Christ. Forgive us when we do not abide in your love...
(a time of reflective silence)

Words of Assurance

* Hymn: VU #664, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (W)
VU #359, "He Came Singing Love" (MF)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination:

Reading: 1 John 4:7-16 - Everyone who loves is born of God.
John 15: 1-8 - Jesus is the true vine

Reflection: Abiding in Love

* Hymn: VU #333, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" (W)
VU, #307, "Touch the Earth Lightly", (MF)

Prayers of the People,

Lord's Prayer,

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN"

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Invitation to the Offering for the Work and Witness of the Church

Offertory

* Offering Hymn: VU #541, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Prayer of Dedication

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

* Hymn: VU #288, "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

* Blessing and Sending Forth

* Choral Commission: VU #884, "You Shall Go Out with Joy" (x2)
Words are printed on the back of bulletin

You shall go out with joy

and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

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