

May 7th, 2023

Order of Worship

Nursing Home Worship Team

Gathering Song: VU 412 This Is The day

Announcements:

Welcome and introduction to service:

Good morning and welcome

The light of Christ shines within us. (Elder lights the Christ Candle)

We are worshipping on unceded Mi'kmaki land; acknowledging that we are all people of the Peace and Friendship Treaty.

(Elder lights the Peace Candle)

The Holy embrace encompasses us all. (Elder lights the affirmation candle)

In this community of faith we celebrate that all are welcome in this place.

All are welcome by God's grace.

Call to Worship:

Loving God, how do we praise You?

We praise You with music that lifts our hearts.

Loving God, how do we praise You?

We praise You with songs that strengthen our faith

Loving God, how do we praise You?

We praise You with hymns that inspire us all.

May we feel Your presence with us as we worship together.

Opening Prayer:

Eternal God, generations have worshipped you through the gift of music.

Draw us nearer to you through every prayer we pray and every hymn we sing. May our music be joined with your word that it may be a blessing to all who worship here. Amen

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God,

as people called to be your presence in the world,

we search our hearts, and ask your forgiveness:

for opportunities not taken,

for care not given,

forgive us we pray.

For sorrow not shared,

for joy not celebrated,

forgive us we pray.

For love not offered,
forgiveness not extended,
forgive us we pray.
For those failings we cannot speak aloud,
forgive us we pray.
Gracious God,
we seek your healing grace,
and ask forgiveness in the name of Jesus.
Amen

Words Of Assurance:

God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel.
Since Jesus died for us, we have peace with God,
to whom be praise and honour for ever. Amen

Hymn: VU 337 Blessed Assurance

Minute For Mission:

Prayer of Illumination:

Holy God,
you have called us to follow in the path of your risen son,
and to care for those who are our companions.
Not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love.
Seeking to be true friends of all.
Open your word to us this morning that we may walk in your path today. Amen

Scripture:

1 Samuel 16: 14-23
Psalm 100 VU 820 Make a Joyful Noise
Acts 16: 25-31

The word of God that is still speaking.
Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: Hymnal 514 In My Heart There Rings a Melody

Reflection: The Power Of Music

Offering Invitation:

We are called to share the good news of God's love. We are called to share our resources of time, energy, prayer, and money in ways that enable us and others to continue the ministry that Jesus began. Let us present our offering.

Hymn during Offering: VU 535 For The Music of Creation

Offering Response: VU 540 Grant Us, God, the Grace

Offertory Dedication:

We give these gifts God, knowing that all that we have is a gift from you. Your creative wonder surrounds us every day, and the bounties of your world enable us to share what we have received. As we give thanks for what we have, encourage us to share these gifts for the care and service of others. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Hymn: VU 664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: VU 238 How Great Thou Art

Blessing:

Parting Song: Go Now in Peace

Prayer of confession from Voices United.

Assurance of Pardon from The Australian Prayer Book.

Offering Invitation from UCC resources

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