

# *Eastside United Church with Bread of Life Lutheran*

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*If the words of worship do not fit your theology,  
or faith or language, please feel free to change them.*

*Please sit or stand as you are able.*

*Blessed be our time together.*

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **We Centre Ourselves with the Prayer Bowl**

## **Land Acknowledgement & Welcome**

*As we gather for worship this morning I invite you to consider the most beautiful place or thing you have seen in nature. It may be near here, it may be thousands of miles away. Take in that moment and give thanks for this beauty. This artwork of God. As you give thanks, also give thanks to the indigenous people over history who have nurtured and cared for this beauty in nature. We give thanks for those who have gone before us and who are still with us in this territory, the nêhiyawak (Cree), Nakewē (Saulteaux), Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota First Nations and the homeland of the Michif/Metis Nation – in the area most recently defined as Treaty 4, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.*

***As treaty people on Treaty 4, we recognize this statement in itself is not reconciliation work. This stand-alone acknowledgment must be accompanied by multiple acts that continue to deepen our understanding of the connections between Indigenous peoples and the***

***lands on which we are joined through the course of history and through Treaty signing.***

## **Announcements**

**Gathering Hymn Gathering Hymn: *Holy One, May Your Presence Here Then Let us Sing*(TLUS) #151**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uK8ZI4Vr3N4>

**Holy One may your presence here  
Open our minds  
May your Spirit among us  
Help us to find  
You are rising up now like a fountain of grace  
From the holy ground here in this place,  
Here in this place.**

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## **Lighting of the Candles**

### **Call to Worship**

Bread, Wine

### **Cross, Tomb**

Touch, Teaching

### **Miracles, Parables**

**Each is a picture of who we gather around.**

Each an invitation into the fullness of life.

**Let us worship the one**

**who longs for us to find and follow him.**

May this be that place

and may this be that hour.

## **Opening Prayer** *(not for slide)*

Living God, you are not hidden behind distance  
or locked within holy places.

You meet us in the road, in the house of need,  
at the edge of grief, in the prison of unanswered questions.

In Jesus you come close:

speaking life, crossing boundaries, touching sorrow,  
lifting up those the world has overlooked.

You are not drawn to status or spectacle,  
but to truth, hunger, courage, and need.

So we come before you now,

bringing what is bright in us

and what is bruised, bringing trust and doubt,

bringing our hope and our fear that hope may not be  
enough.

And we confess that we do not always look for  
Christ where Christ is found.

We look for power, while you move in compassion.

We look for certainty,

while you stand beside those who question.

We look for glory,

while you walk among the grieving and the poor.

Forgive us

when we draw lines you have already crossed.

Forgive us

when we close our hearts to those we call outsiders.

Forgive us

when we speak of faith but fail to notice pain standing in  
plain sight.

Forgive us

when we mistake noise for truth or appearance for holiness.

Turn us again towards Jesus:

Jesus in the healing word,

Jesus in the act of mercy,

Jesus in the presence that does not turn away.

Through his name, we pray.

Amen.

## **Words of Forgiveness**

Loving God of compassion, you meet us here, and reshape us in your grace. Your unbounding love accepts us in our failings and shortcomings.

**We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:**        *Part of the Family(Come in and Sit Down)*  
**VU#395 vs 1,2,4**

## **Theme Time**

**Song:**    *Dance with the Spirit MV156*

**Dance with the Spirit  
early in the mornin',  
walk with the Spirit  
throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the  
new life abornin',  
listen to the Sprit  
to show you the way.**

## **Scripture Readings**

**New Testament Reading:**        **Acts 10: 1-35**

**Gospel Reading:**                    **Luke 7: 1-23**

## **Response:**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**May we listen and learn from the words spoken  
here today. Amen**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn:**        *In Christ There is no East or West VU#606*

## **Offering**

*If you wish to give out of a sense of gratitude for your  
experience in this community, please do so, in the ways*

*possible in your community. We celebrate all the gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure at this time.*

**Offertory Song:        Sing, Thanks to our God TLUS#58**  
**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-11ZbR\\_B32k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-11ZbR_B32k)**

**Sing, Thanks to our God**  
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**Offertory Prayer:**

**Gracious God, we offer our very selves,  
take what we are and use it for the good of your  
kingdom and all your people.**

**May our lives bear witness  
to where you are to be found:  
in mercy, in justice, in healing,  
in hope shared out like bread.**

**For your glory and for the good of your world.  
Amen.**

**Time of Silence and Reflection**

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer of Jesus From New Zealand Prayer Book**

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer,  
Life-giver, Source of all that is  
and all that shall be.**

**Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name  
echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed  
by peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test,  
strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure,  
spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil,  
free us.  
For you reign in the glory  
of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: *May the God of Hope Go with Us VU#424*

**Commissioning:**

We have Good News,  
**We will take it with us as we go.**  
Live it,  
**speak it, show it.**  
And may the Lord bless you on your way.

**Benediction**

**Sung Blessing: VU#964 Go Now in Peace**  
**Go now in peace**  
**Go now in peace**  
**May the love of God surround you**  
**Everywhere, everywhere,**  
**you may go**  
*Repeat*



*Special thanks to all those who helped with the service  
today.*