

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.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn Gathering Hymn: *Holy One, May Your Presence Here Then Let us Sing #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

Come as you are,
with the burdens that are heavy,
the memories that hurt,
the actions that have darkened our spirits
and know liberation:
the easing of burdens,
the healing of hurts,
the lightening of our spirits
in a love that forgives, renews
and sets us free.

Let us worship.

Opening Prayer *(not for slide)*

Jesus asks:

What then do we come to see?

Do we ask ourselves this
when we come to worship?

Loving God,

we approach you this day in community
to praise you for your goodness and mercy.

May we listen closely

when you have something to say to us,
and may we interpret what is said
according to your will rather than ours.

When we come weeping, you hear our pain.

Forgive us for ignoring and putting off
what really needs to be done.

Forgive us for assuming and jumping to conclusions
instead of really listening to the needs of others.

Forgive us for choosing to overlook simple necessities
required by our neighbour and instead build up our own
storehouses.

Lord, you cancel our debts, and we are grateful.

Not because you require gratitude,
but because we realise our blessings.

May we love you more, and through that love
forgive others as we have been forgiven.

Amen

Words of Forgiveness

The Good News of Jesus Christ is this:

Jesus came to show us God's way, and God is a way of love,
grace, forgiveness, and renewal.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Hymn: We are One, VU#402 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 Spirit
to show you the way.**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 30: 17-21

Gospel: Luke 7: 24-50, 8: 1-3

Response:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Reflection:

**Hymn: *We are Pilgrims VU#595 vs*
1-4**

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: *TLUS#58 Sing, Thanks to our God*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-11ZbR_B32k

**Sing, Thanks to our God
Sing, Thanks to our God
Sing, Thanks to our God
Sing, Thanks to our God.**

Offertory Prayer:

Generous God,

many minister from their own resources,
providing food for food banks,
or trips to appointments,
or hospitality and a listening ear.
But we realise all of our ability
to minister originates in you,
our gifts and our monies.

Thank you.

These tokens we bring are tithes and offerings
for ministering—meeting the needs
of communities near and far,
making your kingdom ever-present
and ever closer.

Amen.

Time of Silence and Reflection

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus (Traditional)

Hymn: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love VU#593*

Commissioning:

Go, and love the Lord.

**Bless the people you encounter,
help those you can,**

clean up the mess you leave behind,
and seek God, today and everyday.

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.