

Eastside United Church with Bread of Life Lutheran

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Then Let Us Sing(TLUS) Hymnbook Intro

*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 music you enjoy and that we experience in creation. Music and making music has been around almost as long as humanity. As we celebrate the music people make, and recognize the music of creation – songbirds, animals, water, we acknowledge the drumbeat and music of indigenous communities who use music to connect with one another and creation. We give thanks for the indigenous people over history who have created and offered music in their communities. 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 #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,
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Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

God has given us the gift of song!

Since long before Church Union, our communities of faith have expressed their voices of joy, gratitude, love, lament, and hope through singing together.

Song has and continues to shape us as a people of faith.

As such, we know that the songs that we sing will help us live into our call to be a people of Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, and Daring Justice.

Opening Prayer

Uniting God,

you have called us from across oceans and throughout time, to be the church.

May we have the courage, humility and grace to humbly accept this call, at this time.

Forgive us our zeal, when we are overly deep, bold, and daring, slow and steady us so that we may consider how our piety, discipleship and witness affects those around us, and best embody the way and teachings of Christ in the world.

Guide and support us when the journey is treacherous, when the mountains are too high and the valleys are too low, so that for your sake, and by your grace we will be able to:

Dwell deeper in our connection to you and to each other;

Grow bolder in our commitment to your son and their way;

and Be daring in our prayer, praise, and practice.

May all glory be yours, now and forever,

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

God's love and grace is unconditional in accepting us as we are all our failings and shortcomings.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God

Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation (VU 331) vs 1,2,3,4*

The Church's One Foundation was the opening hymn at the Inaugural service of The United Church of Canada on June 10th, 1925, at Mutual Street Arena (the first home of the Maple Leafs). At this service we declared that the church of Christ was for: the worship of God in praise and prayer; the preaching of the everlasting Gospel; the administration of the Holy Sacraments; the edifying of the body of Christ; the

evangelizing of the world; and the promotion of righteousness and goodwill. Since then, every generation has shared for themselves, through creed, songs and words, how we believe we are called to be the church of Christ in our time and place. For such a time as this, the United Church believes that we are *called by God, as disciples of Jesus, to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice.*

Deep Spirituality ***Deep calling out to deep***

Theme Time

Not for Slide:

Then Let Us Sing: What we will sing, when we sing together and new song!

In 2025 The United Church of Canada will celebrate our 100th birthday with a new song (several actually)!

[*Then Let Us Sing!*](#), is a new digital music resource (available in French and English) that includes hymns from *Voices United*, *More Voices*, and *Nos voix unies*, plus a collection of new music, in partnership with Hope Publishing House and GIA Publications that will help us sing a new song together! Singing is a way that the people of God (from Miriam, David, Hannah and Hildegard) communicate with God and each other.

We all sing in different ways.

Some of us sing through our breath and with our vocal chords.

Some of us sing with our hands and our facial expressions.

Some of us sing with our feet and with our movements.

Some of us sing with instruments: flutes, lutes and horns; pianos, harps and organs; drums, shakers and tambourines!

How do you communicate through music?

What songs helps you to express your emotions? (For instance, what song do you like to sing or hear when you are sad? Angry? Happy?)

What songs help you talk to God? (What songs helps you to pray?)

What song helps you to explain to others what we believe as a church?

What song has taught you about what we believe as a church?

It is amazing how some of the songs that we use to communicate now are the same songs that people 100 and 200 years ago used. In order for there to be songs for the church to sing together 100 years from now, we need to work together now to share and learn new songs that communicate how we feel, what we believe, who we are, and who we want to become. If we do our work now, we might help to create music that future generations will treasure. Will you help?

Then let us sing:

Hymn: *Lord of the Dance VU352*

Scripture Readings

Psalm 98 VU pg 818 refrain 1

Reflection of Words And Hymns

Not for slide:

The United Church has always been a uniting Church that seeks to partner with other people of faith and good will. Over the years, our theologies and spiritual understandings have deepened as we have grown in mutual partnerships nationally and globally. In recent years we have also declared our commitment to become an intercultural church. In intercultural spaces, everyone is impacted by each other's presence; there is mutuality, reciprocity, and respect. In community and in partnership we have the unique

opportunity to profoundly grow in ways beyond our own understandings.

Hymn: *For Everyone Born TLUS#23*

Reflection:

What hymn or song invites you into a deeper spirituality?

Then Let us sing:

Faith, Hope, and Love Abide TLUS#52

for Tune:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFmZT5orcKE>

Bold Discipleship:

Following in the way of Jesus

Reflection:

What hymn or song has inspired you to co-create with God the beloved community?

Then let us sing:

We Have Been Called TLUS# 148

For Tune:

<https://youtu.be/UyR2CfbL8Lo?si=VbqKKgZPgmHnengB>

Daring Justice:

In our prayer, praise and practice

Gospel Reading

John 17: 20–25

Reflection

Not for Slide

In this confusing and threatening time, the church in all of its forms can be tempted to worry about our own survival rather than the gospel at the heart of our faith. The *Then Let Us Sing!* committee believes that faithful song can be a powerful antidote to the fear that may stop us from courageously

daring to be the church. In our singing, creating, and praising we become signs of life and hope for the church.

Slide:

What hymn has helped you to courageously testify to hope?

What hymn has leant you strength and courage when you were in need?

Then let us sing

We Resist TLUS#127

For Tune:

https://youtu.be/POx6YFDiac0?si=Bb8_CUk8Y2mfQhzw

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

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Offertory Prayer:

Time of Silence and Reflection

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

Then let us sing:

Our Father in Heaven TLUS#67

No repeats(2nd endings), refrain at beginning and end

Hymn: Go To the World VU#420

Commissioning:

(modified and adapted from the Inaugural service of The United Church of Canada)

Now the God of Peace,
that brought again from the dead, Jesus, our Christ,
that great Shepherd of the sheep,
who leads us, Christ's Church,
with an everlasting covenant of love,
make you perfect in every good work to do Christ's will,
working within you all that is well-pleasing,
through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,
to whom be the glory for ever and ever.

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.

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