

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

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the peoples with whom treaties were signed and we commit to live out right relations as Treaty peoples. Across Canada, we live, work, and play on lands cared for by Indigenous peoples for millennia. We honour the heritage and gifts of Indigenous Elders, youth, children, parents across this land. 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

Words of Preparation

What are your dreams for the church 5 years or 10 years from now? What will you do now to work toward this dream of Love and Community?

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 of all Creation, who dares us to love, we dream of a church that sees your deep visions; healing wounds, walking humbly, and acting justly.

O God, empower us to live boldly with visions and dreams.

We dream of a community that envisions the Holy Spirit's bold dreams; offering hope, compassion, and healing to all broken places.

O Loving Spirit, empower us to live boldly with hope and kindness

We dream of a church that holds in its heart all who suffer, pledging solidarity, resisting violence, rejecting exclusion, and boldly pursuing love, justice, and peace.

O Compassionate Spirit, empower us to live boldly with equality and justice.

We dream of a church that lives Christ's daring love—welcoming and honouring young leaders, embracing diverse communities, and journeying together in courage, connection, and unity.

Loving God, empower us to live boldly with compassionate love. We come together to Worship and give thanks.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, Holy Mystery, our church community is ever changing. Loved ones are welcomed into the community, People come and go in our church life. Today we celebrate Baptism. Today we celebrate Love and Community. Today we celebrate Roel Tolentino and his family, their time with us. May we treasure our memories, as we open to new movements of the Spirit amongst us.

We come together, opening our hearts to each other, that we might recognize your work in our neighbours, that we might appreciate all the blessings that we have received, that we might celebrate your grace and be so changed by it, that we might go forth into the world, shining your light and love on those we meet. Bless us in this time of worship that we might carry forth blessings into the world.

Our Parent God, we know how often our world is torn by hatred and misunderstanding, and we know how much this pains you. We know that we are not personally responsible for all of this tornness, but we also know we stand guilty for some of it. There had been times when we have been quick to accuse and slow to forgive. There have been times when we have let small differences mushroom into vast difficulties while at the same time, we ignore important understandings that should be drawing us together in love. For our tendency to push hate before love and angry accusation before patient understanding, forgive us God.

Words of Forgiveness

When we let go...we find peace.

We find wholeness and purpose...

We celebrate our transformation...

We are assured that we are enough!

The Creator is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Come Let us Sing VU#222

Theme Time

Song: *Dance with the Spirit MV156*

Sing 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.

**Move 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

Matthew 18: 10-20 First Nations Version

10 "So do not look down on even one of these little ones, for their spirit-messengers in the spirit-world above always look upon the face of my Father, the one is above us all. 11 For the True Human Being has come to find the lost ones and set them free." 14 In the same way your Father from the spirit-world above does not want to lose even one of these little ones. 15 "If a tribal family member wrongs you, go to him alone and tell him. If he listens, then you have won him back. 16 If he cannot see the wrong, then go to him with one or two others who have seen the wrong, so he can hear them. 17 If he still will not listen, take him before the sacred family council. If he will not hear the council, then he will be the same to you as an outsider or a tribal tax collector. 16 If he cannot see the wrong, then go to him with one or two others who have seen the wrong, so he can hear them. 17 If he still will not listen, take him before the sacred family council. If he will not hear the council, then he will be the same to you as an outsider or a tribal tax collector. Then, under my guidance, whatever two or more of you agree upon and ask for will be done by my Father from above."

Response:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Sermon Video – Love and Community - Roel Tolentino

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me VU 567 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
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Offertory Prayer:

All-embracing God, we praise you for the blessings of love and care that we have received. You do a new thing in each of us. Your Spirit enables us to do more than we can possibly imagine. So as we offer our gifts, we ask that you bless them in Jesus' name, that others may understand and believe. Amen.

Time of Silence and Reflection

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus - John Haas

**Unknowable Mystery,
we honour the presence
of the Holy in our midst.
May the "kin-dom" flourish among us.
May we have only
what we need each day,
that all might have enough
and more tomorrow.
May we be as generous**

in offering forgiveness
as we have been humbled
and grateful in being forgiven.
May we be strengthened through our trials;
and may we face evil with courage, truth and love.
As we pray in Jesus' name,
may we also walk in his way. Amen.

Hymn: In Loving Partnership VU#603

Commissioning:

As the Lord came to our aid
in the midst of our storms of life,
may we go from here
and make ourselves available to support others
as they go through their own storms of life,
just to be there for them.

Benediction

Sung Blessing: VU#964 Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace

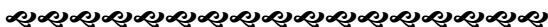
Go now in peace

May the love of God surround you

Everywhere, everywhere,

you may go

Repeat



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