

# Worship Plan for Sunday, February 12, 2023 6 Epiphany

## Treaty 4 Territory

*We are privileged to gather today in Treaty 4 Territory and the traditional homeland of the Metis.*

### Welcome Statement

*You are welcome here, you, whose face does not resemble mine, whose spirit I may not define, you, whose eyes have seen, what I will never dream. You, whose frame is bent or broken, whose mind fears the unspoken. You are welcome here.*

*Regardless of your race, your age, your gender identity or expression, your marital status, physical and mental ability, your sexual orientation, country of origin, economic and religious status, you will be honoured here. For Christ has made us whole and Christ has set us free. His daily grace enables us to live in harmony.*

## GATHERING SONG **Come, All You People: Uyaimose (ELW 819)**

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

### Come, All You People

Uyaimose

819

U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;  
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

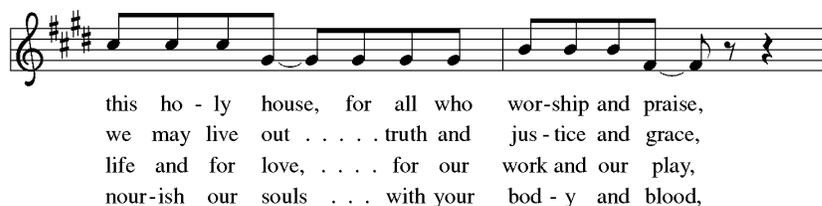
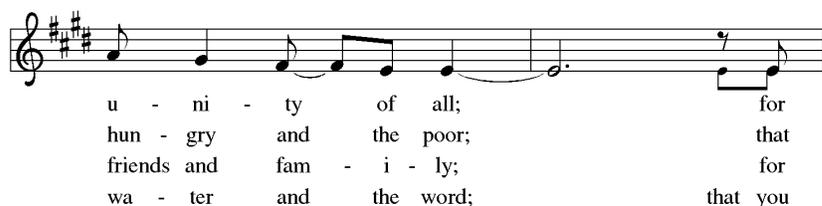
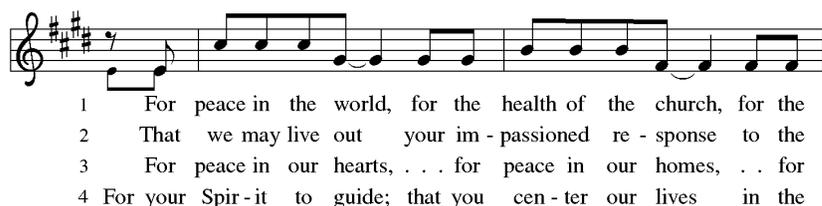
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**GREETING (ELW p. 184)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE (ELW p. 184)**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 188)** Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20** A reading from Deuteronomy. *The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the

LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8**

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the LORD!
- <sup>2</sup>**Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts,**
- <sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong, ...but always walk in your ways.
- <sup>4</sup>**You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!
- <sup>6</sup>**Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**
- <sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- <sup>8</sup>**I will keep your statutes;  
do not utter-ly forsake me. R**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9** A reading from 1 Corinthians.  
*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came

to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37. The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right

hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’

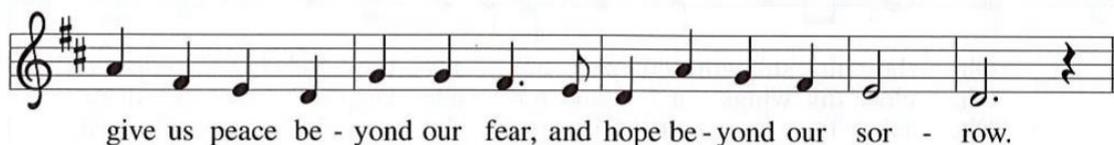
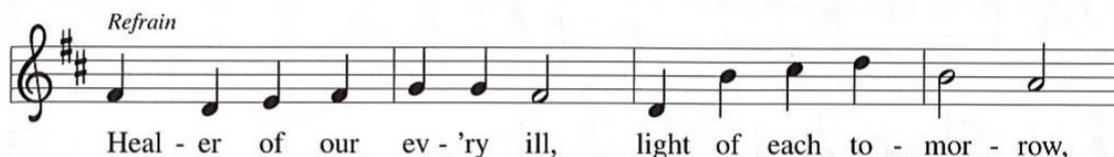
<sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON (ELW p. 189)

## HYMN OF THE DAY *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)

### Healer of Our Every Ill

612



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

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**CREED (ELW p. 189)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible (*especially*), empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nurture all in need *especially Stacie, Debbie, Elaine, Beth, Lynne, Paul, Harley, Emma, Kevin, Jane, Terri, Todd, Shirley, Paula, Lorraine, Shaadie, Sunshine & Wade.* Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

### **PEACE (ELW p. 189)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **OFFERING (ELW p. 190) & OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 190)**

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE (ELW p. 190)**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

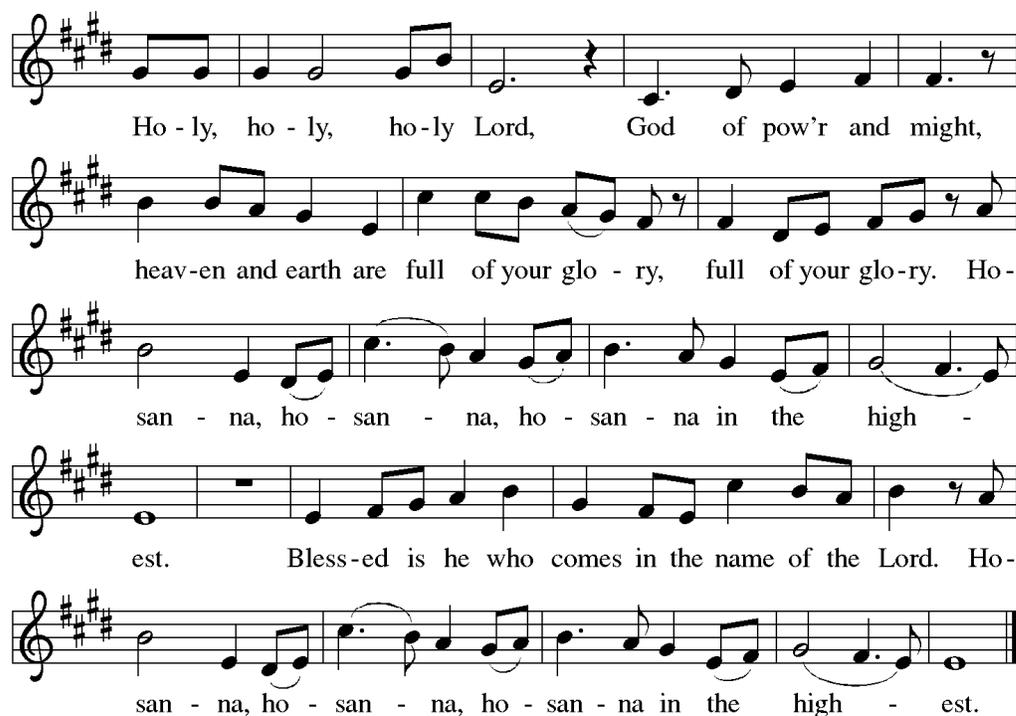
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE (ELW p. 190)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
& by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 190)**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
 you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
 but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets  
 to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
 our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
 In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
 to preach good news to the afflicted,  
 to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
 and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
 we await the day when Jesus shall return  
 to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
 Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
 to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
 with courage and wisdom to pursue love & justice in all the  
 world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say,  
 Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of  
 every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
 we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)**

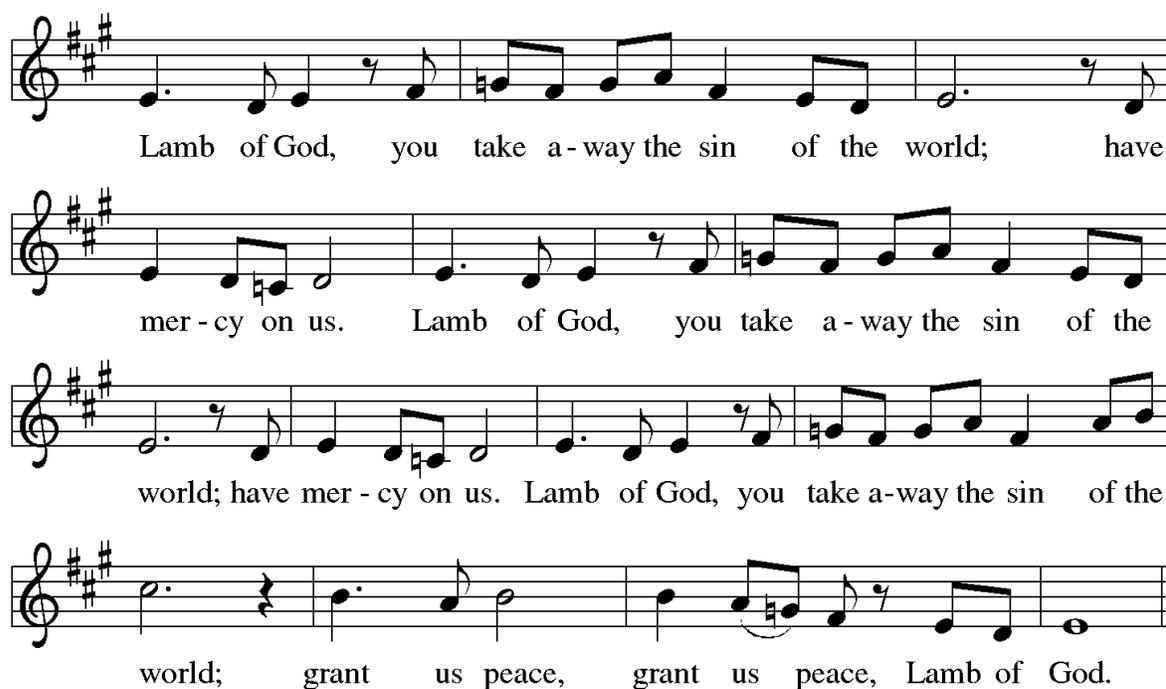
**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
 and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

**COMMUNION (ELW p. 191) & COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 191)**


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 191)**

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING (ELW p. 192)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (ELW p. 192)****SENDING SONG *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

## 772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
 Music: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
 let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
 and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
 nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

### DISMISSAL (ELW p. 192)

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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