



## *St. John's United Church*

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*Please note that an asterisk \* invites you to stand as you are able  
Assistive Listening Systems are available - see ushers*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** "Holy One, O Holy One" MV #35  
*Klusmeier*

## **To Praise God**

### **Call to Worship:**

God, we gather in your house to worship you.

**With open hearts, we give you our thanks  
and praise.**

Guide us in all we do as we come seeking you.

**With happy hearts, we give you our thanks  
and praise.**

Help us to grow as a community of faith who  
serves love in your name.

**With whole hearts, we give you our thanks  
and praise.**

Come, let us worship the living God who makes  
all things possible.

**\*Hymn:** "Come, We That Love" VU 714

### **Prayer of Approach**

**God, we come before you today knowing  
that you are a God who gathers near to us.  
In the morning light, you shine a generous  
glow over the earth. In the fertile soil, you  
bless the earth with colourful flowers and  
fresh aromas. You are present in every  
colour of the rainbow. Your love shines  
through your creativity and is beyond**

**measure. When we sing and play and dance, you dance alongside us. When we stumble and fall, you send someone to lift us up. When our hearts are heavy, and we grieve, your tears flow with ours. Receive us as we are, here with open arms and open hearts. Help us to receive your compassionate care in each of our ages and stages of life. Be with us in our worship, drawing us near to your presence. Amen.**

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:21-37 NT p. 5

**\*Hymn:** "I Feel The Winds of God Today"  
VU 625

### **Time to Wonder**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture:** Psalm 119:1-8 VU #838 part 1  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 OT p.233  
Paul Sharpe

**Ministry of Music:** "From Age to Age"  
*Arlene Ydstie*

**Sermon:** "Choosing life!" Rev. Ralph Taylor

**\*Hymn:** "Lord, You Give the Great  
Commandment" VU 512

### ***To Respond in Faith***

**Minute for Mission:** Nancy Breitenstein

### **Offering**

**\*Doxology:** #220 vs 4 (on screen)

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**We are here, God. We choose life. God, we choose to be instruments of your love, beacons of hope and healing, and ushers of peace in a hurting world. When we are afraid, lonely, or tired, we choose rest and**

**renewal. Create in us cycles of life and seasons of healing. When we are rested and renewed, we dedicate ourselves and what we give to the service of your love, sharing our light to a hurting world. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

***We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith***

**\*Hymn:** "Go make a difference" MV 209 (on Screen)

## **Benediction**

John Wesley said "Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." You cannot do it by staying here, so, go with God.

**Choral Blessing:** #973

## **Ushers:**

Geraldine and Peter Matthews,  
Brian Reid, Peter Wilkinson

## **Announcements**

**Message from the M&P Committee:** Rev. Lynda will be on medical leave until late February. Currently she is staying with a friend. Cards and emails are welcome. Also, coverage for pastoral emergencies over the next 2 weeks: Feb 13 - 19 Ralph Taylor and Feb 20 - 26 Paul Vavasour

**The Social Committee** invites you to our **Soup Sunday**, today after church. Come whet your whistle with a variety of tasty soups.

**Bible Study** on Wed. Feb. 19 at 10 am. All welcome.

**Pancake Sunday** hosted by CE Commission, will be held on **Sunday, February 23rd** to mark the beginning of Lent.

**The Annual General Meeting** is on Sunday, **March 1st** after the morning service. Fellowship by choir. Copies of the AGM report were emailed out as a pdf and hard copies are at back of the church.