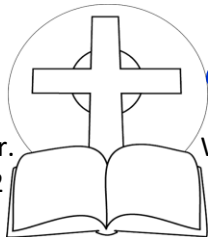


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(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: We come today still flush with the glow on the birth of a new born babe.

All: A helpless baby born in a stable, love incarnate.

One: That child grew, as we have grown, he learned as we have learned.

All: In learning we are called into a deeper connection with you God.

One: As we come together we know it is okay to question.

All: As we question, we grow in faith together as a community.

* Hymn VU #62 – “Once in Royal David’s City”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Almighty God, wonderful creator, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus. In his birth you have given us hope for the future, a future marked by love and compassion. In his death and resurrection you have revealed to us the fullness of your grace and mercy. In your love, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us share in his divine life - even as he partook of our humanity.

We pause, O God to look over the past year - a year in which you were with us - but we were not always with you. Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We come today aware of our short-comings but also thankful for your love and mercy shown in the birth of your son, Jesus. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time

* Hymn VU #82 – “A Light is Gleaming”

The Word



Scripture Readings – Colossians 3: 12-17,
Luke 2: 41-52

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “Questions and answers”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response

**You shall be the path that guides us,
You the light that in us burns;
Shining deep within all people,
Yours the love that we must learn,
For our hearts shall wander restless
Till they safe to you return;
Finding you in one another,
We shall all your face discern.**

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn VU #45 – “Joy is Now in Every Place”

* Benediction / Response (VU #84)

**O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
Our faith and hope and love renew,
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
As stars once led the way to you.**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director
Kelsey Shiaro, “Joyful Noise” Director Myrna Hagues, Organist
Pat Dumont, Liturgist Gina Grant, Custodian

Greeters: Lois & Bert Keddie
Ushers: Jan Carmichael and Bob Harrison