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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: Our neighbourhood is full of churches.

All: We are free to worship as we like.
One: Our neighbourhood is full of Christians.

All: We can celebrate Jesus with joy and confidence!

Children's Time / Lord's Prayer

* Hymn VU #672 – "Take Time to Be Holy"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Wise Creator, long ago you invited us to keep Sabbath. We have discovered a true gift in this break from our normal schedules and commitments. This is time to focus on things that are holy and sacred. As we pray and worship we discover how close you are. It is not until this day is threatened that we realize how important it is. When we treat Sunday like every other day we lose the special joy of being in a community of faith. We lose some of the rhythm of our lives and this leaves us off balance. Help us to see in a new way how worship keeps our lives grounded. Allow us to discover in worship the sense of safety and belonging to a wider community. Forgive us for forgetting that we are a family of faith...this <u>is</u> our identity. May the Spirit of Christ allow us to see with new vision. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

The Word

Scripture Readings –

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Luke 4: 14-16

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

* Hymn MV #154 – "Deep In Our Hearts"

Meditation – "**Keeping Sabbath in a**Non-Christian Country"

A Conversation with Mark San Filippo

(A quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – "On Christ I Stand"

The Response

Announcements

Offering / Response (tune VU #84)

O Spirit help us be like Christ: To live in love and charity, To walk in truth and justice now, And grow in Christian dignity.

- * Hymn VU #606 "In Christ There is No East or West" (tune of VU #344)
- * Benediction / Response (tune VU #575)

I'm gonna live so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator
Kelsey Shiaro, "Joyful Noise" Director
Gloria Saindon, Liturgist
Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Laura Steidl, Music Director
Myrna Hagues, Organist
Gina Grant, Custodian
Nursery Care Givers

Greeters: Margo Baldwin and Alana Davis Ushers: Diena Rodd and Maria Will