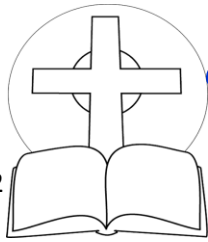


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(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Song VU #579 – *“The Church is Wherever God’s People”*

Call to Worship

One: We come to church to connect with God and with a community that shares our faith.

All: Through the week so many questions arise about what is right and wrong; what is faithful and unfaithful.

One: Our culture wrestles with diversity. Many struggle to discern if faith is a public or a private matter.

All: We are here to worship the One who speaks to us and guides us in every aspect of our lives.

* Hymn VU #293 – *“We Praise You, Creator”*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

These are confusing times, patient God. We want you to be in the midst of all things yet we are told by some to keep you separate. When we see a wrong or an injustice we call on you to act. You are the one who creates, transforms and redeems and we regularly call on you to fix things. Whether it is in our personal lives or in a natural disaster or political oppression, you are the one with the power to bring change. This all makes sense to us when we are dealing with other Christians. We admit, however, that our openness to public expressions of religion may have limits. We would prefer that everyone be like us. Headscarves and turbans make us uncomfortable. Forgive us, welcoming One, when we prize assimilation over understanding. Help us to make a place for all faiths in our communities. Fill us with Christ’s grace, we pray. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer

* Hymn VU #402 – *“We Are One”*

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Psalm 79: 8-9
1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “In the absence of a magic wand, use your head”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “There is No Magic Power”

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response (VU #540)

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
With a spirit large and free.
That ourselves and all our living
We may offer faithfully.**

Prayers of the People

* Hymn VU #424 – *“May the God of Hope Go With Us”*

* Benediction / Response

**Send us out in the power of your spirit, Lord,
May our lives bring Jesus to the world.
May each thought and word bring glory to your name,
Send us out in your spirit, Lord, we pray.**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director
Myrna Hagues, Organist Gina Grant, Custodian
Anne Thoroughgood, Liturgist

Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Greeters: Sylvia Warrington and Anne Derksen

Ushers: Bev MacRae and Valarie Kuhtey