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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

Call to Worship

One: The life of faith is a choice.

**All: We choose to love God.**

One: The life of faith calls us to listen for God's voice.

**All: We will cling to God in all our listening, thinking, acting, speaking and worshipping.**

\* Hymn MV #94 – “*Love Knocks and Waits*” (tune VU # 326)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**Holy One, we are here to worship you, to learn more of your way and to find strength in community. We want to walk in your way and feel the assurance that you love us. We wish that life was a simple choice between right and wrong. Bless us with hearts and minds open to your wisdom. Show us to value of relationships founded on love and mercy with you and the people around us. We cannot know you fully when we are angry, resentful or dishonest. There is no way to put a positive spin on thoughts and words that diminish others. Forgive us when we lack the courage to make things right. Help us to appreciate the cost of the choices we make. Anything that separates us from you and from one another robs us of the fullness of joy. Embrace us with Jesus' love and salvation. We pray. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time / The Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn VU #589 – “*Lord, Speak to Me*”

## The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Deuteronomy 30: 15-20  
Matthew 5: 21-26, 33-37

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Meditation – “Bullying is incompatible with Christianity”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “No Greater Gift”

## The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – Doug Waldron

\* 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,  
Gentle Father, loving Mother,  
Jesus: brother, saviour, friend;  
Spirit of all grace and power,  
May we praise you without end.**

Prayers of the People

\* Hymn MV #145 – “*Draw the Circle Wide*”

\* Benediction / Response (MV #211)

**I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back. (repeat)**

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

Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Don & Wilma Hunnie

Greeters: Dorothy Allen and Linda Smith