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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

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn MV #154 – *“Deep in Our Hearts”*

Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful noise to God all the earth,

All: Sing out the praises of God.

One: Come all you people and know the joy of the Lord,

All: The love of God is greater than the tongue can tell!

One: Bless the Lord all you people, bless his Holy Name!

**All: We praise, and worship, and honor, and glorify Your name
O God!**

* Opening Hymn VU #820 – *“Make a Joyful Noise”*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

The image you have shaped within us, mysteriously, incredibly, a reflection of your own Being, is best seen in the multiple refractions, of our diverse humanity; in the prismatic kaleidoscopes, of our shared life, our interconnectedness, our being with each other. We seek you, God, we long for you and, thankfully, you are not far off, not hidden; we need only remember that you are most easily found when we find you together, and when we are humble enough to look even in the faces we find most strange and unfamiliar. Incarnate God, you know us in our inner being. In your grace you offer us forgiveness even before we have the chance to articulate our sorrow. You embrace us in all our sinfulness and in doing so give us the chance to start again to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus. Let us truly seek you in our world, honestly looking for you, that we might know the depth of your love for all you have made. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Decommissioning of Piano

One: Praise God!

All: Thanks be to God!

One: God who provides for us and nurtures us in our faith.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: God who has been present from the beginning and will be there at the end!

All: Thanks be to God!

One: Eternal and creative God, creator of all, we give you thanks for this instrument, this piano that has been an important part of worship here at Windsor Park United Church over the years; this piano that has provided music for us through times of celebration and times of sorrow, through laughter and tears. The gift of this instrument helped us to proclaim our faith in hymn and song. For the music provided by this piano that has allowed our voices to sing in harmony, voiced united in praise, we are forever grateful and thankful, Loving God. AMEN

Dedication of New Piano

One: Praise God!

All: Praise God in this sanctuary; praise God in all creation!

One: Praise God who is always present;

All: Praise God in the silence and praise God in our singing!

One: Praise God with music!

All: Praise God with song!

One: Let everything that breathes praise God!

All: Let us all praise God!

One: Eternal and creative God, creator of all, we give you thanks for this day; we praise you for the freedom we enjoy to worship you. With joyful hearts, we turn to you. Accept our dedication of this grand piano with its grand softness and its grand loudness. Let each note be a prayer vibrating with life and love as we worship and praise your Holy name. We recognize and lift up the many gifts that have allowed the dream of this new piano to become a reality. Loving God we offer our thanks. AMEN

* Dedication Hymn VU #533 – *“When in Our Music God is Glorified”*
(vs. 1, 2, 5)

The Word

📖 Scripture Reading – John 14: 15-21
Acts 17: 22-31

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “To be alone!”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “Love One Another”

The Response

* Offering / Response

**Stir up in our hearts, O Lord,
What you want us to do.
You showed your love upon the cross.
We want to give of our lives to you.**

**With gifts we’ve been given
Help us see where we fit in.
We’re part of one family,
Knowing that we have a place,
Serving by your gift of grace.
Keep your spirit stirred within.**

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Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn – “*Sing a New Church*” (back page of announcements)

* Benediction / Response

**With a vision of hope we move along.
Empowered by faith we carry on.
Reaching out far and wide, moving forward reaching high.
Filled with hope, filled with dreams, we journey on.**

Patrick Woodbeck, Student Minister
Luci Toews, Office Administrator
Nancy Sulkers, Liturgist

Laura Steidl, Music Director
Myrna Hagues, Organist
Gina Grant, Custodian

Ushers: Ron & Beth Kubik
Greeters: Bruce & Alana Davis