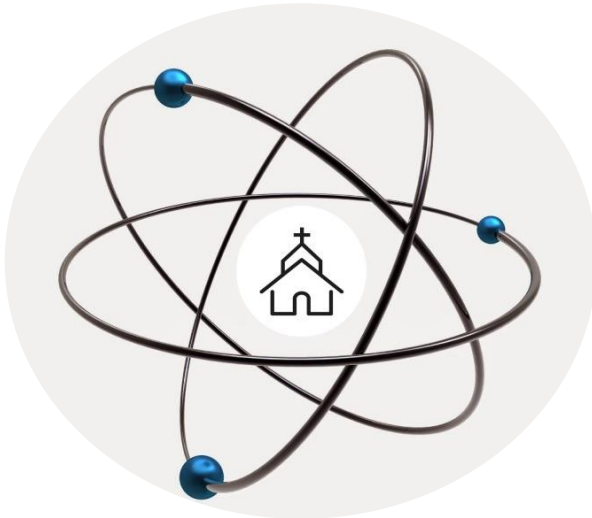


Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters
Love that Matters
Community that Matters

ATOMIC CHURCH!



**SMALL CHANGES...
BIG IMPACT!**

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October 17, 2021 @ 10:30 AM

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(▲ Rise in body or in spirit)
(Responses in bold)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Acknowledging the Territory

Sung Meditation – Spirit, Open My Heart MV # 79

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We rejoice in giving God thanks and praise.

Opening Prayer (Together)

**O God, we want to listen for your voice,
but there are so many other voices
that vie for our attention.
Dings, pings and rings from social media,
passionate opinions from all parts
of the political spectrum,
debates over Covid19 protocols.
Tragedies, disasters both near and far.
We feel overwhelmed and find it hard
to distinguish your voice from others.
Help us discern your voice and your call
on our lives in this time and place.**

Silent Prayer...

**We turn to you,
knowing that you understand us,
forgive us, and love us like a Mother,
and so we sing with confidence and faith,
“Our Father Our Father, in Heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.”**

▲ Hymn – Sing Your Praise to God Eternal VU # 244

A Time for Wondering

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY

Scripture – 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Reflection – Hineni

Reflective Music

Ministry of Music

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

▲ Hymn – Like a Healing Stream MV # 144

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918

Minute for Reconciliation

Offering Time

Prayers of the People

The Life and Work of the Faith Community

WE GO OUT TO SERVE THE WORLD

▲ Hymn – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU # 509

▲ Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal - Spirit, Open My Heart MV # 79

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

**May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.**

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

Opening Prayer: Rev. Catherine MacDonald

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Live Services on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81050922922>

Live Services on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stairsmemorialunited/>

Archived Services on YouTube:

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