

Stairs Memorial United Church
Faith that Matters
Love that Matters
Community that Matters



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*Making brave decisions
to actively connect with the neighbourhood
so that we can be a center of Faith, Love, and Community!*

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

Gathering

Welcome & Introductions

Acknowledging the Territory

Lighting the Christ and Pride Candles

Gathering Sounds: Come Touch Our Minds (MV #12 v.3)

**Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our
minds.**

Call to Worship

We are invited into a strange world, you and I, where birds sing for joy, and there is no want and no need, and all our debts are forgiven. Our hearts yearn for this place, the kingdom of our God. Enter it, be bold, and trust the promises, and you will find so much more than you could have imagined.

Prayer of Reconciliation – Responsive

How quick we are, O God, to demand what we are owed.

Forgive us our debts.

How slow we are, O God, to remember what we owe to others.

As we forgive our debtors.

We acknowledge, O God, that in your economy, our debts and debtors are bound together.

What happens to one, happens to the other.

Teach us to level the playing field,

So that all may be one. Amen.

Assurance

▲ Hymn – All Things Bright and Beautiful (VU 291)

[Listening](#)

An Ancient Word – Matthew 6: 7-21, 25-34

Reflection- “Debt Forgiveness”

Reflective Music

▲ Hymn – Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (VU # 356)

Ministry of Music- Whence is That Goodly Fragrance

[Responding](#)

Invitation to the Offering

▲ Offering Song – What Can I Do (MV #191)

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven.
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen**

Going Out

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ Hymn – Sent Forth in Jesus' Name (MV # 212)

▲ Commissioning & Benediction

▲ Song of Dismissal – Hope Shines As The Solitary Star
(MV #220)

**Hope shines as the solitary star.
Faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
And illumine the pathway home.**

*Call to Worship, Prayer of Reconciliation- Heather Fraser, Prayer of Dedication –
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