

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)

Welcome & Introductions

Acknowledging the Territory- Together on Screen

Lighting the Christ and Pride Candles

▲ Opening Gathering Song: For Everyone Born (TLUS 23 V.1.2)

Call to Worship- Responsive

To those of us for whom it feels only recently were lighting a tiny candle
of incarnation into that longest night of winter, we find grace here,
unfurling.

**As these longest days bring light upon light, we find grace here
too, unfurling as well.**

In rain coaxing into dry earth, **The golden green ready to receive,**
The resplendent light calling us to unshackle ourselves into
connection,

The truth-telling vulnerability of unending evening, here is grace.

To those of us whose grandparents were missionaries, who have settled
here amidst golden greens not our own, we find grace—undeserved—
unfurling too.

**There is grace in this—that some, at least, of those of the Nations
here have opted to journey beside us after all that's been done and
all that still is.**

Not in the same shoes, nor always close beside, but—after all of this—
on the path Christ makes. This summer, we get to witness what that
journeying together might now look like.

**To all of us, the followers of Christ, here on Turtle Island, in this
moment, there is an unexpected grace unfurling,**

As light makes its way back into the world,
we are invited into new relationship,

Unshackling ourselves, and one another,

That we might walk alongside one another, into summer's light.

▲ It's A Song of Praise to the Maker (MV 30)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance -Responsive

Before God, with the people of God, I admit to my fears and failings. To
the way I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive you; Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our fears and failings. To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive you; Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. With the whole church,

We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

With people everywhere,

We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation,

We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

A Time of Wondering – Seeking Roots

Hymn: "Roots by the River" (x2)

**I am a tree, with roots by the river of living water,
Trials still may come but they end in victory;
And even in the wilderness when there's no hope at all,
I have roots by the river of the Lord.**

**When the scorching sun arrives,
My leaves won't wither and die,
I have roots by the river of the Lord.**

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 137:1-6 (Collectively- Voices United 858)

Prayer of Illumination

An Ancient Word – Ephesians 2:14-22

Reflection – Replanting after Uprooting

Reflective Music

Ministry of Music- There's a Wild Hope in the Wind

▲ Hymn – "This is God's Wondrous World" (VU 296)

Invitation to the Offering

▲ Offering Song – Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands
(VU 537 V.1.2 Tune: St. Anne)

▲ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ Hymn – In Christ There is No East or West (VU 606)

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

As God's united yet diverse peoples, we go to become
neighbours to each other and to the earth.

**For in Christ we are all kin. We are called to be neighbours, to
share generously with each other.**

As we learn more, respect more, love more, we all can gain, not lose!
God as Creator will be our rock. Christ and Spirit be our guides.

▲ Song of Dismissal – Shall Go Out in Joy (VU 882) x2

**You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.**