

Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

Love that Matters

Community that Matters



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Worship Host:

Reader:

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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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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Territory

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Affirming Candle- Responsive

One: We gather in the light of Christ,
who calls us to live with love, compassion, and courage.

All: May the light of Christ shine among us.

One: When relationships are difficult,
when words hurt and hearts are divided,
Christ calls us toward truth, healing, and reconciliation.

All: May Christ's light guide our words and our hearts.

One: We light this Christ Candle, remembering Jesus' promise:
"Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them."

All: May Christ's presence be known among us.

One: We also light our Affirming Candle,
as a sign that every person is created in God's image,
every person is worthy of dignity and love,
and everyone is welcome at Christ's table.

**All: May this be a community where all belong,
where every voice matters,
and where love makes room for everyone.**

One: Christ's light shines in us and through us.

**All: May we carry that light into the world—
with courage, compassion, reconciliation, and love.**

Amen.

Gathering Song MV #30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker V1, V4

^Call to Worship- Responsive

Leader: We come as we are—people who sometimes agree and
sometimes disagree; people who sometimes hurt one another and
sometimes need forgiveness.

People: We come seeking the grace of God, who calls us to reconciliation and peace.

Leader: Jesus reminds us that when relationships are broken, we are not called to ignore one another, but to reach out with honesty, compassion, and courage.

People: Give us the courage to speak truth with love, and the humility to listen with open hearts.

Leader: Where two or three gather in Christ's name, Christ promises to be among us.

People: Then let us gather with open hearts, knowing we do not gather alone.

Leader: Let us make room for grace, for healing, and for new beginnings.

People: Let us worship the God who calls us together, holds us together, and leads us toward one another.

All:

**We come to worship with hope in our hearts,
love in our words,**

and a willingness to seek peace.

For Christ is here among us.

Let us worship together!

Opening Hymn MV #14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered

Time of Wondering

^Hymn VU #684 Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

^Prayer of Illumination

An Ancient Word -
Matthew 18:15-20

Reflection

Reflective Music

Ministry of Music- Soloist Lynda Sitland

Responsive Hymn VU 396 Jesus Stands Among us

OFFERTORY CALL

^Hymn VU 549 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow V.1

Offertory Prayer- Together

**Gracious God, receive these gifts that we offer today.
Use them to strengthen our ministry, to care for those in need,
to work for justice and reconciliation,
and to share your love in our community and beyond.
May what we give become hope for someone who feels hopeless,
welcome for someone who feels excluded, food for someone
who is hungry and companionship for someone who feels alone.
And may our giving remind us that we are all connected—
part of one community, one human family, held together by
your love. In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.**

Prayer of the People, followed by the Lord's Prayer

The Life and Ministry of this Faith Community

Closing Hymn VU 325 Christ is Made the Full Foundation

^Closing Blessing

^Song of Dismissal MV #212 Sent Out in Jesus Name