

**PALGRAVE**

October 16, 2022

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE****Prelude****Greeting and announcements****Lighting the Christ Candle****Territorial Acknowledgement**

Indigenous Peoples have lived on and cared for this land throughout the ages. We recognize the personal and spiritual relationship they have with the land on which we gather and call home. We acknowledge the territory of the Anishinabek (a-NI-shi-NAA-bek), Wendat, Haudenosaunee (HO-den-o-SHOW-knee) and Ojibway (oh-JIB-way)/Chippewa (chip-HEY-wah) peoples and the land of the Metis (may-TEA). This land is part of the Treaty and Territorial lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

As treaty people, we honour and respect the Indigenous heritage and their long-lasting history with the land. We strive to continue to build and sustain respectful relationships with these Indigenous nations as we move forward on the path of reconciliation.

**Call to Worship:**

In this time of worship;

**we come before God with praise and thanksgiving.**

In this time of worship;

**we pray in faith and with hope.**

In this time of worship;

**we sing with joy.**

In this time of worship;

**we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,  
so that we may experience God, present and speaking.**

In this time of worship;

**we offer ourselves that God may renew and empower us for service.**

Let us worship God.

**Hymn:**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

VU 220

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
 O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.  
 Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters draw near,  
 joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,  
 keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.  
 Have you not seen how all you needed has been  
 met by God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;  
 surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us:  
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
 who out of love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
 All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!  
 Let the Amen sound from God's people again:  
 gladly with praise we adore him.

**Prayer of adoration and confession.**

God, ever present, still speaking. The stories of our faith remind us that you care and provide for us. You nourish your whole creation. You are our refuge and our strength. Your love is at work in every situation, bringing goodness and revealing truth. You are the miracle of our lives.

We praise you and rejoice in the hope you offer.

In this time of worship, fill us up with your Holy Word. Energize us with your songs.

Make us thankful, aware, and inspired.

Replenish our sense of call and purpose. Breathe your Spirit into us once more, to inspire us to serve you with creativity and commitment; with honesty and humility.

In the name of Jesus. Amen

**God of hope, you provide the gift of faith, but we lose heart quickly.  
 Troubles weaken our trust and disappointments eat away at our commitment.  
 Forgive us, and in your love, give us peace, courage and perseverance.  
 Amen.**

**Hymn:**

All the Way My Saviour Leads Me VU 635

All the way my Savior leads me;  
 what have I to ask beside?  
 Can I doubt his tender mercy  
 who through life has been my Guide?  
 Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
 here by faith in Him to dwell,  
 for I know, whate'er befall me,  
 Jesus doeth all things well;  
 For I know, whate'er befall me,  
 Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me,  
 cheers each winding path I tread,  
 gives me grace for every trial,  
 feeds me with the living Bread.  
 Though my weary steps may falter,  
 and my soul athirst may be,  
 gushing from the Rock before me,  
 lo! A spring of joy I see!

All the way my Savior leads me;  
 O the fullness of His love!  
 Perfect rest to me is promised  
 in my Father's house above.  
 When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
 wings its flight to realms of day,  
 this my song through endless ages,  
 "Jesus led me all the way!"

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for understanding

### Scripture Readings:

Psalm 121  
 Luke 18: 1-8

### Hymn:

Open My Eyes, That I May See      VU 371

Open my eyes, that I may see  
 Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
 place in my hands the wonderful key  
 that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
 ready my God, thy will to see.  
 Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
 voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
 and while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
 everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
 ready my God, thy will to see.  
 Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
 gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
 Open my heart and let me prepare  
 love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
 ready my God, thy will to see.  
 Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**Sermon:**

Stay the Course

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn:**

Lead Me, God

VU 662

Lead me, God,  
 lead me in your righteousness;  
 make your way plain before my face.  
 For it is you, and you, God only,  
 who makes me to dwell in safety.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

God of life and love, you are present everywhere. In creation, you surround us with beauty and wonder. For all these gifts we give you thanks.

In a world where there is so much anxiety and conflict, open our eyes to your love, and help us to see your presence and your purpose.

God of Compassion, we pray for those who are struggling in whatever ways and for whatever reasons. We lift up those facing poverty, discrimination, conflict, loss of a loved one, difficult diagnoses, painful illness, delays in critical treatment, and all those tired and stressed medical professionals stretched beyond their limits.

Help them to find strength and discern new possibilities for a more hopeful life.

Gracious God, you call us to follow your way in the world; to be generous, and caring, and to serve with love. Open our eyes and hearts, and the eyes and hearts of those in authority to find ways to support those who are struggling. Bless all those who are making a difference in the lives of those who stand in need. Energize us to live out our mission every day. And may our lives bring help and healing to others.

So, with hope in our hearts, we pray, as Jesus did, that your kingdom will come among us.

### **Invitation to the Offering**

### **Dedication of Offering**

## **WE GO OUT IN FAITHFUL LIVING**

### **Hymn:**

Grateful      MV 182

Grateful for the life you gave us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
 joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.  
 Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy word,  
 joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

You are more than we imagine,  
 Ancient, Holy, living Lord.  
 Even when we doubt your presence  
 you are faithful to your Word.

Grateful for the life you gave us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
 joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.  
 Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy word,  
 joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

May our lives proclaim your justice,  
 may our voices sing your praise.  
 May our hands work in your service  
 to the glory of your name.

Grateful for the life you gave us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
 joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.  
 Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy word,  
 joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

### **Benediction and Blessing**

In these complicated days, do not lose heart. Persevere with purpose and patience,  
 assured that God honours your faithfulness.

And may God our Creator, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer inspire  
 us to serve with hope and joy.

### **Closing Chorus**

Go Now in Peace / Besig & Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
 God will go with you each hour of every day.  
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
 Know God will guide you in all you do.  
 Go now in love, and show you believe.  
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
 God will be there watching from above.  
 Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
 Amen! Amen! Amen!