

PALGRAVE UNITED CHURCH

February 04, 2024

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**Sing a New Song.**

**The lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Introit**

**Welcome and Announcements.**

**Acknowledging the Land**

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**

Called by God, we have come to worship.

**Called by Christ, we have come to follow.**

Called by the Spirit, we have come to be filled.

**Called together, we will listen and answer.**

Called together, let us worship God.

**Hymn:**

Over My Head MV 88

Over my head, I hear music in the air.  
Over my head, I hear music in the air.  
Over my head, I hear music in the air.  
There must be a God somewhere!

When the storms of life are ragin';  
I hear Music in the air.  
When the storms of life are ragin';

I hear Music in the air.  
When the storms of life are ragin';  
I hear Music in the air.  
There must be a God somewhere!

When the winds of strife are blowin';  
I hear Music in the air.  
When the winds of strife are blowin';  
I hear Music in the air.  
When the winds of strife are blowin'.  
I hear Music in the air.  
There must be a God somewhere!

When the tide of hate is risin';  
I hear Music in the air.  
When the tide of hate is risin';  
I hear Music in the air.  
When the tide of hate is risin';  
I hear Music in the air.  
There must be a God somewhere!

King Jesus is a-callin';  
I hear Music in the air.  
King Jesus is a-callin';  
I hear Music in the air.  
King Jesus is a-callin';  
I hear Music in the air.  
There must be a God somewhere!

### **Gathering Prayer**

**Empowering God, you know our need for your love to warm our hearts, for your word to guide us, for your Spirit to sustain us and for your presence to renew us. Help us to wait upon you with expectant and believing hearts. Help us to hear your word, to feel your touch, and then to follow in the ways your spirit directs.**

**As we come together in worship, we acknowledge and confess the smallness of our love and the narrowness of our concerns. Through our careless hands have slipped opportunities not taken, people not cared for, joys not celebrated.**

**Gracious God, forgive us, and help us to walk in your way. We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### **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!

**Scripture Reading:**

Luke 2:22-40

**Sermon:**

Salvation: What Does It Look Like?

**Hymn:**

Your Hand, O God, Has guided. VU 274

Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock from age to age;  
your wondrous is written,  
full clear, on every page.  
Our forebears owned your goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both to this bear witness:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest and to least;  
they bade them rise, and hasten  
to share the heavenly feast.  
And this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely  
to guard your people's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored;  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
'One church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then, by earth and heaven,  
your name shall be adored,

### **Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving.**

#### **Offering**

#### **Hymn:**

We are Marching in the Light of God. VU 646

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, (marching),

we are marching oo/oo,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, (marching),  
we are marching oo/oo,  
we are marching in the light of God.

### **Blessing and Benediction**

#### **Closing Chorus:**

May God's Sheltering Wings MV 214

May God's sheltering wings  
God's gathering wings protect you  
May God's nurturing arms,  
God's cradling arms sustain you  
And hold you in God's love,  
And hold you in God's love

#### **Postlude**