

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER



PRELUDE O Gentle Jesus, Be Our Light (*M. Shea*)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Susan Sue-Ling

INTROIT Go Make a Difference

(Steve Agrisano/Tom Tomaszek)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to share in the Creator's gift of abundant life for all.

We fix ourselves on you, Creator.

Come fill our hearts with your endless love, and send the wind of your Spirit to new hope through our lives.

Come light our souls to rise in faith, to reach out for your kingdom.

Come pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather together. Lift up our heads, brush away the shadows, and shine your grace into our minds.

So, Creator, we rise to worship, we shake off the shackles of a fallen world and join our hearts together.

With gratitude we gather as a community in praise, to seek transformation and to celebrate the power of your Spirit that is always moving.

Let us worship! (*Indigenous Day of Prayer, U.C.C.*)

***HYMN** Let Us Build a House (*Haugen/Fines*) *MV 1*

Vss 1,2, 4,5

Let us build a house where all can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and vision, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach, beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

When we look over our shoulders at fear shadowing us today, you go before us into tomorrow, making a path through the sea of yesterday's doubts. When our legs tremble from the effort of standing up for what you hope for all creation, you stand at our side, O God, offering your hope's strength. When we turn our

hearts into deserts of stony bitterness, you transform them into oases of joy. When we come up with all sorts of rules for those who come to us seeking to find you, you tear up the list, stretching your arms in welcome. When we would clasp old worries to our hearts, you open our eyes to that hope which paves the path ahead of us. God in Community, Holy One, as you are all to us, so we would offer all we are to you. Amen

WORDS OF GRACE

God's love in the world and in us never ends.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Sing, Sing Out! (*Hannah/Melhorne-Boe*)

MV 180

Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.

Sing oh people as one voice! Sing, sing out!

Sing a new song. Sing of God. Each heart rejoice!

Repeat

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 91 VU p.807

(Under God's wings, your refuge.) Jackie Catto

ANTHEM May You Go Forth in Love (*Sally J. Albrecht*)

GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50 p.45 *Pew Bible NT*

(Have salt in yourselves.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Seasoned

***HYMN** Called by Earth and Sky (Mayberry/Fines) MV135
*Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified
called by earth and sky.*

Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again.
Called by earth and sky...

Precious this gift, the air we breathe; wind born and
free. Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our
gathering and our grace. *Called by earth and sky...*

Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile
land. Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
creation's faithful song. *Called by earth and sky...*

Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning
day. Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and
justice one...
*Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life
sanctified, called by earth and sky. Called by earth
and sky.*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Glorious Dawn (Jason Krug)
EmBellished Handbell Ensemble

***DEDICATION** Grateful (T. Tomaszek) MV 182

**Grateful for the life you give 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.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

PRAYER PRELUDE There Is Room For All MV 62
**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, 'my refuge and my
rock in whom I trust.' There is room for all,
there is room for all.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER
VU p. 910

***HYMN** When Pain of the World VU 598

***COMMISSIONING**

Let us go now, bringing hope to a hurting world.
We go in hope.
Let us go now, sharing God's love with each other,
and with people everywhere.
We go in love!

***SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go MV 216
**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

POSTLUDE Toccata Brillante (Todd Kendall)



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*We are called together by Christ as a community
of broken but hopeful believers, loving what he
loved, living what he taught, striving to be faithful
servants of God in our time and place.*
(UCC Song of Faith.2006)