

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER



PRELUDE Give a Little Bit (*Supertramp*)
(Steve Falk/David Pilkey)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Brian Walter

INTROIT All Praise to You (*O. Westendorf/J. Sibelius*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather together in expectation.

We come hoping to find Jesus in our midst.

The one who opens our hearts

and helps us discover God.

The one who calls us to faith

and reminds us of God's love.

The one who delights in the power of surprise...

a giver of good gifts,

turning water into wine,

giving hope when our hope has run out.

Come, let us gather together in expectation.

We come searching for Jesus in our midst.

(*Sue Webb, Faith Centennial U.C., Selkirk, Ont.*)

***HYMN** Come Touch Our Hearts *MV 12*

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire; love strong
enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more
gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel; create a space for
spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us, come touch
and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream; help us
to open doors of understanding, to welcome truth and
wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile, and in our
weakness your great strength reveal; that we may rise to
follow and to serve, steady now our nerve, come touch
and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace; that we may
love you with our heart, our soul, our mind, our strength,
our all, come touch us with your grace.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**In a busy world, it is good to know that your love is
patient, God. When everywhere we turn we hear
hateful words, it is good to know your love is kind.
When resentments build up, when our tempers run
short and we look at our neighbours with envy, it is
good to know that your love bears all things. When we
feel worthless, useless, expendable, it is good to know
that you believe in us and call us blessed. When our
doubts rage, it is good to know that your love is filled
with hope—for our lives, for your church, for the
world, and for all that lives and breathes upon it. But
most of all, when we feel we are at the end of the road,
it is good to know that you are the God of new
beginnings and second chances, and that your love has
no limit, no boundaries...no end. For all of this we
praise you; for this we gather in worship; for this we
will live in love all the days of our lives. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

God calls us to new awareness—
to new life, again and again.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Arise, Be Clothed in the Light (*VU 86*)

Arise, be clothed in the light.

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Your light has come,

your light has come.

Hallelujah! (*repeat*)

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 *p.174 Pew Bible NT*

(Different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit.)

Laurie Torno

ANTHEM Within These Walls (*Pepper Choplin*)

GOSPEL John 2:1-11 *p.93 Pew Bible NT*

(The wedding in Cana.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON †transformations

***HYMN** One Bread, One Body *pg 7*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

*** THE CREED** *VU p.7*

*** THE PEACE**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Andante (J. L. Krebs)

DEDICATION Christ Has No Body Now but Yours
**Christ has no body now but yours, MV 171
no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (on insert)

***HYMN** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing pg 7

*** COMMISSIONING**

May the companionship of God
shape us into community;
**embracing each other and the world
with compassion.**

***SUNG BLESSING** Take Up His Song MV 213
**Take up his song of love and go into the world.
Take up his song of love in every moment.
In every moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in love, lay them down,
and take up his song.**

POSTLUDE Thank You for Being a Friend (A.Gold)
Steve Falk/David Pilkey



MISSION AND SERVICE
Religion in the Service of Humanity

**WSCF-ME's role is to be a mediator of peace
and understanding.**

The entanglement of religion and politics in the Middle East often divides communities and leads to conflict, particularly among young people. "We all agreed that it is important to focus on universal values and ethics, reject extremism, and make the necessary efforts to develop practical formulas for fruitful cooperation," says Rima Bayan Sleem, a 33-year-old judicial assistant from Chouf, Lebanon.

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Thanks to your Mission & Service gifts, Rima and 36 other young adults gathered in Beirut, Lebanon, for the World Student Christian Federation-Middle East Region (WSCF-ME) 2021. They participated in an Interfaith Dialogue program that develops leaders skilled in preventing violence and fostering peace between communities.

WSCF-ME's role is to be a mediator of peace and understanding amid all the overwhelming regional issues that include sectarian strife. "The Interfaith Dialogue program's importance lies in the fact that it brings together youth from different religious backgrounds...to engage in a constructive peace-facilitating dialogue," says Mira Neaimah, Regional Executive for WSCF-ME. "I personally believe that change is done in small steps, starting from our regional gatherings that sow seeds of peace to be reaped in the future."

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Your [Mission & Service](#) gifts help leaders in the Middle East and across the world collaborate and promote peaceful dialogue.



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EPIPHANY 2/COMMUNION

January 19, 2025

11:00 am

*If Christ could transform common water into
wedding wine—spit and dirt into new sight—
troubled sea into pathway—well water into living
water; could Christ transform the waters of my life
into a shower of blessing? (Tom Lane)*

One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless; and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. **R**

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. **R**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. **R**

The New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of endless praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come, come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God, came to rescue me from danger, precious presence, precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debt or daily I am drawn anew! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you. Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known: here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

