

# **Shining Waters Regional Council Celebration of Ministries Order of Service**

**May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
St. Paul's United Church  
Orillia, Ontario**

## **Regional Council Meeting Theme:**

1 Corinthians 12:7

*To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good*

## **Approach**

**Hymn of Approach - *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian***

VU 514

- 1     God the Spirit, guide and guardian,  
         windsped flame and hovering dove,  
breath of life and voice of prophets,  
         sign of blessing, power of love:  
give to those who lead your people  
         fresh anointing of your grace;  
send them forth as bold apostles  
         to your Church in every place.
- 2     Christ our Saviour, Sovereign, Shepherd,  
         Word made flesh, Love crucified,  
teacher, healer, suffering servant,  
         friend of sinners, foe of pride:  
in your tending may all pastors  
         learn and live a shepherd's care;  
grant them courage and compassion  
         shown through word and deed and prayer.
- 3     Great Creator, life-bestower,  
         truth beyond all thought's recall,  
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy,  
         giving and forgiving all:  
as you know our strength and weakness,  
         so may those the church exalts  
oversee its life steadfastly  
         yet not overlook its faults.

- 4      Triune God, mysterious Being,  
         undivided and diverse,  
     deeper than our minds can fathom,  
         greater than our creeds rehearse:  
     help us in our varied callings  
         your full image to proclaim,  
     that our ministries uniting  
         may give glory to your name.

Lyrics by Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987

Music by Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1864; desc. Hal Hopson 1979 (tune: 232 MV)

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### **Greeting from Liturgists and Territorial Acknowledgement**

Lawrence:      Welcome, as we celebrate and gather.

Won:            Welcome, as we worship and gather.

Lauren:        Welcome, as we sing and gather.

Lauren:

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, The Three Fires Confederacy - the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Beausoleil First Nation. We recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Lawrence:      People of God, in this service we light the Candle of God's Presence;

Lauren:        In this service we light the Candle of Justice;

Won:            In this gathering, we light the Candle of Love;  
                     for the light of Christ shines among us:

**All:            Thanks be to God. Amen!**

### **Call to Worship**

Lauren:        Draw us in God,  
                     To the curious movement of your spirit,  
                     To the wonder of your Spirit whispering "come and follow me,"  
                     To the gifts we each bring,  
                     To the opportunity to simply Be. Here. Now.

Draw us in God,  
Amidst time and space, in person and virtual,  
So we know that you are with us,  
And that is enough.  
Amen.

### **Opening Hymn - *Deep in Our Hearts***

MV 154

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.
3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.
4. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Words: John Oldham, 1995

Music: Ron Klusmeier, 1996

### **Prayers of Approach and Confession**

Won: Spirit of living God, in you we trust.  
In you we live, move and have our being.  
Your heartbeat echoes in us and throughout the universe.  
May we be open to your vitality of Life, your nurturing compassion, and your spirit that  
bear fruits of so many blessings.  
We come to worship seeking to be renewed, re-invigorated, and to ordain, commission,  
and bless individuals who have heard your call, who seek to join with others to your  
vision of who we could be as your people.  
In our journey of becoming, however, we can get distracted by our busyness.  
The challenges of living in our world can sway us away from you, O God.  
Our own self-interest can overshadow your visions for us.

O God, inspire us to go beyond our minds. Encourage us to expand our circle of compassion beyond our established circle to include the lowest and the least, and the fullness of your Creation.

May we see the unity of all created beings as our kin and as our sacred relations.

With your Spirit in us,  
may we love as Jesus loved,  
serve as Lydia served,  
dance as Miriam danced,  
and sing as David sang.  
May we do so with the humble gratitude for all the gifts your Spirit bestowed upon us.

Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, in Christ, we are much more than we think we are.

God's love and forgiveness are far greater than what we think we deserve.

God's overflowing love renews us, forgives us, and empowers us to be all that God has created us to be in fullness and in hope.

Let us rejoice and be glad, for we are a renewed people of God. Amen.

## **Word of God**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Lauren: Holy One,

Open us now so that we might know the beauty of love abounding through your words in these stories spoken, and through the knowings that well up from within our hearts.

Your message for us is felt through text and through the spirit,  
who knows no bounds.

May we be open to you now.

Amen

### **Scripture**

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 12: 4 - 11

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

<sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel - John 17: 20 – 26

<sup>20</sup>“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,<sup>[a]</sup> so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

**Sermon:** Singing A New Church, Rev. Dr. Martha ter Kuile

## Action

**Reflection Hymn - *Sing a New Church into Being***

1. Summoned by the God who made us  
rich in our diversity  
Gathered in the name of Jesus,  
richer still in unity.

*Refrain:* Let us bring the gifts that differ  
and, in splendid, varied ways,  
sing a new Church into being,  
one in faith and love and praise.

2. Radiant risen from the water,  
robed in holiness and light,  
kin to kindred in God's image,  
kin to kindred, God's delight.

*Refrain*

3. Trust the goodness of creation;  
trust the Spirit strong within.  
Dare to dream the vision promised,  
sprung from seed of what has been.

*Refrain*

4. Bring the hopes of every nation;  
bring the art of every race.  
Weave a song of peace and justice;  
let it sound through time and space.

*Refrain*

5. Draw together at one table,  
all the human family;  
shape a circle ever wider  
and a people ever free.

*Refrain*

Words by Delores Dufner, 1991, The Sisters of Saint Benedict.  
Music by: John Wyeth, 1813  
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### **Invitation for Candidates**

Peter: The Church seeks to undergird the ministry of its members by nurturing faith, calling forth gifts and equipping for the exercise of these gifts, within both lay and ordered ministries.

In what we are about to do, the church, recognizing God's call to these ministries, prays that those who are called will continue to receive the gifts of the Spirit, as the church accepts and authorizes their ministries."

Betty-Lou: Jesus Christ came into the world to be the servant of God and all people. As servant Lord, Jesus calls his Church to a ministry of worship, witness, and reconciliation. In baptism we were received as members of his Church and at confirmation we committed ourselves to its ministry. In order that this ministry of the whole Church may be fulfilled, God has given the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care, and the diaconal ministry of Education, Service, and Pastoral Care. It is the responsibility of the Church to seek, train, and set apart those whom God calls so to serve.

### **Presentation of Candidates**

#### **Candidate for Ordination - Lee-Ann Ahlstorm**

**Musical Meditation:** *Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary*

MV 18

#### **Office of Vocations Minister:**

I present to you **Lee-Ann Ahlstorm**, a candidate for Ordination.

**Regional Council President:**

You have heard your name called. We ask you the questions that have been asked through the history of The United Church of Canada: Do you believe in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and do you commit yourself anew to God?

**Candidate:**

I do.

**Regional Council President:**

Do you believe that God is calling you to the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care, and do you accept this call?

**Candidate:**

I do.

**Regional Council President:**

Are you willing to exercise your ministry in accordance with the scriptures, in continuity with the faith of the Church, and subject to the oversight and discipline of The United Church of Canada?

**Candidate:**

I am willing.

**Executive Minister:**

I invite you to kneel and for those laying on hands to come forward.

**Regional Council President:**

By the power of your Spirit, O God, fulfill the call of **Lee-Ann Ahlstorm** to Ordained Ministry in your church and strengthen in her the gifts for that ministry. Amen.

**Executive Minister:**

Receive this Bible; proclaim in word and action the gospel of Christ with diligence and love.

**Regional Council President:**

In the name of Jesus the Christ, who calls the church into being and is present among us, and by the authority of Shining Waters Regional Council, I declare that **Lee-Ann Ahlstorm** has been ordained to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care within The United Church of Canada. And so we sing to celebrate.

**Musicians – *Hallelujah***

**Candidate for Ordination - Maria Christina Conlon**

**Musical Meditation:** *Be Still My Soul*

652 VU, Finlandia

**Office of Vocations Minister:**

I present to you **Maria Christian Conlon**, a candidate for Ordination.

**Regional Council President:**

You have heard your name called. We ask you the questions that have been asked through the history of The United Church of Canada: Do you believe in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and do you commit yourself anew to God?

**Candidate:**

I do.

**Regional Council President:**

Do you believe that God is calling you to the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care, and do you accept this call?

**Candidate:**

I do.

**Regional Council President:**

Are you willing to exercise your ministry in accordance with the scriptures, in continuity with the faith of the Church, and subject to the oversight and discipline of The United Church of Canada?

**Candidate:**

I am willing.

**Executive Minister:**

I invite you to kneel and for those laying on hands to come forward.

**Regional Council President:**

By the power of your Spirit, O God, fulfill the call of Maria Christian Conlon to Ordained Ministry in your church and strengthen in her the gifts for that ministry. Amen.

**Executive Minister:**

Receive this Bible; proclaim in word and action the gospel of Christ with diligence and love.

**Regional Council President:**

In the name of Jesus the Christ, who calls the church into being and is present among us, and by the authority of Shining Waters Regional Council, I declare that **Maria Christina**



**Conlon** has been ordained to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care within The United Church of Canada. And so we sing to celebrate.

**Musicians - *Hallelujah***

**Candidate for Ordination – Elizabeth Kiff**

**Musical Meditation:** *One More Step Along the World I Go*

639 VU

**Office of Vocations Minister:**

I present to you **Elizabeth Kiff**, a candidate for Ordination.

**Regional Council President:**

You have heard your name called. We ask you the questions that have been asked through the history of The United Church of Canada: Do you believe in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and do you commit yourself anew to God?

**Candidate:**

I do.

**Regional Council President:**

Do you believe that God is calling you to the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care, and do you accept this call?

**Candidate:**

I do.

**Regional Council President:**

Are you willing to exercise your ministry in accordance with the scriptures, in continuity with the faith of the Church, and subject to the oversight and discipline of The United Church of Canada?

**Candidate:**

I am willing.

**Executive Minister:**

I invite you to kneel and for those laying on hands to come forward.

**Regional Council President:**

By the power of your Spirit, O God, fulfill the call of **Elizabeth Kiff** to Ordained Ministry in your church and strengthen in her the gifts for that ministry. Amen.

**Executive Minister:**

Receive this Bible; proclaim in word and action the gospel of Christ with diligence and love.

**Regional Council President:**

In the name of Jesus the Christ, who calls the church into being and is present among us, and by the authority of Shining Waters Regional Council, I declare that **Elizabeth Kiff** has been ordained to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care within The United Church of Canada. And so we sing to celebrate.

**Musicians - *Hallelujah***

**Candidate for Ordination - Eric Nyarko**

**Musical Meditation:** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

VU 509

Piano: Saya

**Office of Vocations Minister:**

I present to you **Eric Nyarko**, a candidate for Ordination.

**Regional Council President:**

You have heard your name called. We ask you the questions that have been asked through the history of The United Church of Canada: Do you believe in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and do you commit yourself anew to God?

**Candidate:**

I do.

**Regional Council President:**

Do you believe that God is calling you to the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care, and do you accept this call?

**Candidate:**

I do.

**Regional Council President:**

Are you willing to exercise your ministry in accordance with the scriptures, in continuity with the faith of the Church, and subject to the oversight and discipline of The United Church of Canada?

**Candidate:**

I am willing.

**Executive Minister:**

I invite you to kneel and for those laying on hands to come forward.

**Regional Council President:**

By the power of your Spirit, O God, fulfill the call of **Eric Nyarko** to Ordained Ministry in your church and strengthen in her the gifts for that ministry. Amen.

**Executive Minister:**

Receive this Bible; proclaim in word and action the gospel of Christ with diligence and love.

**Regional Council President:**

In the name of Jesus the Christ, who calls the church into being and is present among us, and by the authority of Shining Waters Regional Council, I declare that **Eric Nyarko** has been ordained to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care within The United Church of Canada. And so we sing to celebrate.

**Musicians - *Hallelujah***

**Candidate for Ordination - Cynthia O'Connell**

**Musical Meditation:** *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*

559 VU

**Office of Vocations Minister:**

I present to you **Cynthia O'Connell**, a candidate for Ordination.

**Regional Council President:**

You have heard your name called. We ask you the questions that have been asked through the history of The United Church of Canada: Do you believe in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and do you commit yourself anew to God?

**Candidate:**

I do.

**Regional Council President:**

Do you believe that God is calling you to the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care, and do you accept this call?

**Candidate:**

I do.

**Regional Council President:**

Are you willing to exercise your ministry in accordance with the scriptures, in continuity with the faith of the Church, and subject to the oversight and discipline of The United Church of Canada?

**Candidate:**

I am willing.

**Executive Minister:**

I invite you to kneel and for those laying on hands to come forward.

**Regional Council President:**

By the power of your Spirit, O God, fulfill the call of **Cynthia O'Connell** to Ordained Ministry in your church and strengthen in her the gifts for that ministry. Amen.

**Executive Minister:**

Receive this Bible; proclaim in word and action the gospel of Christ with diligence and love.

**Regional Council President:**

In the name of Jesus the Christ, who calls the church into being and is present among us, and by the authority of Shining Waters Regional Council, I declare that **Cynthia O'Connell** has been ordained to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care within The United Church of Canada. And so we sing to celebrate.

**Musicians – *Hallelujah***

**Candidate for Admission – Rev. Dr. Trevor Brisbin**

**Musical Mediation:** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

567VU

**Executive Minister:**

Today we celebrate the ministry of one who was ordained by another denomination who is being admitted to the Ordained Ministry in The United Church of Canada.

**Office of Vocations Minister:**

I present to you, **Rev. Dr. Trevor Brisbin**, who is already ordained in another denomination and who now wishes to exercise ministry within The United Church of Canada.

**Regional Council President:**

You have heard your name called. Do you believe that God is calling you to the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care within The United Church of Canada, and do you accept this call?

**Candidate:**

I do.

**Regional Council President**

Trevor, we recognize your ordination and we are pleased that you choose to join us in our particular life within God's church. We welcome you into the ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care within The United Church of Canada. Let us pray. By your Spirit, O God, sustain Trevor and strengthen them in the gifts of ministry which you so generously bestow. Amen.

**Executive Minister:**

Receive this Bible; proclaim in word and action the gospel of Christ with diligence and love.

**Regional Council President:**

I declare that Trevor has been received into The United Church of Canada and recognized as ordained to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care within The United Church of Canada. And so, we sing to celebrate.

**Musicians – *Hallelujah* (Caribbean)**

**Candidate for Admission – Rev. Dr. Michelle Voss Roberts**

**Musical Mediation:** *One Bread, One Body*

467VU

**Executive Minister:**

Today we celebrate the ministry of one who was ordained by another denomination who is being admitted to the Ordained Ministry in The United Church of Canada.

**Office of Vocations Minister:**

I present to you, **Rev. Dr. Michelle Voss Roberts**, who is already ordained in another denomination and who now wishes to exercise ministry within The United Church of Canada.

**Regional Council President:**

You have heard your name called. Do you believe that God is calling you to the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care within The United Church of Canada, and do you accept this call?

**Candidate:**

I do.

**Regional Council President**

Michelle, we recognize your ordination and we are pleased that you choose to join us in our particular life within God's church. We welcome you into the ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care within The United Church of Canada. Let us pray. By your Spirit, O God, sustain Michelle and strengthen them in the gifts of ministry which you so generously bestow. Amen.

**Executive Minister:**

Receive this Bible; proclaim in word and action the gospel of Christ with diligence and love.

**Regional Council President:**

I declare that Michelle has been received into The United Church of Canada and recognized as ordained to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care within The United Church of Canada. And so, we sing to celebrate.

**Musicians – *Hallelujah*** (Zimbabwe)

**Candidate for Licenced Lay Worship Leadership – Cheryl Stenson**

**Executive Minister:**

“Licensed Lay Worship Leader” is used to designate those who offer occasional worship leadership within the bounds of Shining Waters Regional Council. The term “licensed” indicates that a lay member of the United Church of Canada has engaged in a course of study and is considered suitable to offer occasional worship leadership. Today we are happy to celebrate these new licensed lay worship leaders.

**Todd McDonald:**

I present to you Cheryl Stenson.

**Regional Council President:**

You have fulfilled the requirements to be a licensed lay worship leader and Shining Waters Regional Council has licensed you to provide occasional worship. We are full of gratitude to God for you and we celebrate each of you as you live out your ministry.

Cheryl, do you promise to exercise your ministry faithfully, bearing witness to the love of Christ?

**Christine:**

I do.

**Regional Council President:**

Let us pray,  
God of empowering love, we give thanks for these your faithful servants. By your Spirit, may they find joy and grace as they serve as licensed lay worship leaders. In the many names of God, Amen.

And so, we sing to celebrate.

**Musicians – *Hallelujah*** (Philippines)

**Celebration of the Retirees**

**Regional Council President:**

As new ministries and relationships begin, we also celebrate and recognize those who have given their many gifts of ministry with purpose over the many seasons.

We join together in prayer,

Creator, your words are a lamp to our feet, and a light on the pathway of ministry, as we often journey into the unknown and the known, we know that you were always present as guardian and guide. We are grateful for the service and ministry of those who have entered into retirement this year, Jeff Bacon, Connie denBok, Karen Hilfman Milson, Doug McLeod, Edith-Ann Shantz, and Andrew Stirling. May your presence be with them on these new horizons in life, as their service to your people changes and grows in new ways. Amen

## **A 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.

## **Response**

### **Offertory Prayer**

Gracious and loving God, all that we are, and all that we have come from you. We are so blessed and we praise you for your goodness and generosity. Out of gratitude and joy, we offer our gifts of money, time, and ourselves for causes greater than ourselves. Bless our offerings that they may be used to give hope to the downtrodden, compassion to the weary, justice to the

oppressed, and peace to those who live in conflict in our communities and around the world. Amen.

**Special Music:**       *As the Wind Song*

Words by Shirley Erena Murray

Music by Swee Hong Lim

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## Invitation

Lawrence:     Come, you who are hungry for God's love.

Lauren:        Come, you who are yearning the Christ's presence.

Won:            Come, you who want community;

Lawrence:     know that you are welcome here.

**Hymn:**         *One Bread, One Body*

467 VU

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.

- 1     Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
      woman or man, no more. **R**
- 2     Many the gifts, many the works,  
      one in the Lord of all. **R**
- 3     Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
      gathered to one, for all. **R**

Words and music by John B. Foley, S.J. 1978

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Lawrence:     The Spirit of God be with you all.

**All:**           **And also with you.**

Lauren:        Lift up your hearts;

**All:**           **We lift them to God.**

Won:            Give thanks to our God!

**All:**           **All our thanks, all our praise!**

**All Three:**    Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!



Lawrence: Before all that is,  
**All: You were God.**  
Lawrence: Outside all we know,  
**All: You are God.**  
Lawrence: After all is finished,  
**All: You will be God.**

Lawrence: Archangels sound the trumpets,  
**All: Angels teach us their song,  
Saints pull us into your presence.**

**Hymn:** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

203 MV

**All Together:** Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Two: You beyond the galaxies,

**All: You under the oceans,  
You inside the leaves,**

Lauren: You pouring down rain,  
You opening the flowers,  
You feeding the insects,

**All: You giving us your image,  
You carrying us through the waters,  
You holding us in the night,**

Lauren: Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,  
Your hand with Moses and Miriam,  
Your words through Deborah and Isaiah,

**All: You lived as Jesus among us,  
Healing, teaching, dying, rising,  
Inviting us all to your feast.**

Won: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Lawrence: Take eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Won: Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

Lauren: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lawrence: At this time, we also remember in your name,

**All: all with whom you would have us share your feast.**

Lauren: We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain . . .

**All: all who are ill or alone . . .**

Won: all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger . . .

**All: for all whom the world counts as last and least . . . .**

Lawrence: We pray for the church and its varied ministries . . .

**All: for nations as they strive for peace and justice . . .**

Lauren: for all our families and friends . . . .

*(Prayer continues with other concerns... three, one, two) - Ukraine, Pandemic, Climate Change, Ordinands, Retirees, Dying due to Toxic Drugs, Housing, Racism*

- *Inserting an Intercessory Prayer*
- *Addressing the issues plaguing the world now*
- *Adding in silence for individual prayers*

Three: Holy God, we also remember your Son,

**All: His life with the humble,  
His death among the wretched,  
His resurrection for us all.**

***Memorial Acclamation:*** MV 204

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again! Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lawrence: Your wisdom,

**All: our guide.**

Lauren: Your justice,

**All: our strength.**

Three: Your grace,

**All: our path to rebirth.**

Lawrence: And so we cry, Mercy:

**All: Mercy!**

Lauren: And so we cry, Glory:

**All: Glory!**

Won: And so, we cry, Blessing:

**All: Blessing!**

Lawrence: Holy God, we ask for your Spirit.  
Enliven this bread,  
Awaken this body,

**All: Pour us out for each other.**

Lawrence: Transfigure our minds,

**All: Ignite your church,  
Nourish the life of the earth.**

Lawrence: Make us, while many,

**All: united,**

Lauren: Make us, though broken,

**All: whole,**

Won: Make us, despite death,

**All: alive.**

Three Together: And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

Three Together: And so, the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

Three Together: And so, the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

Lawrence: You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,

**All: Our Life, our Mercy, our Might,**

Lauren: Our Table, our Food, our Server,

**All: Our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,**

Won: Our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,

**All: Our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,  
Our Way, our Truth, our Life.**

All Three: You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

**All: Praise now,  
Praise tomorrow,  
Praise forever.**

**All Together:** And so we cry, Amen:

**All Amen!**

***Great Amen:*** MV 205

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen! Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen!

**The Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

### Hymns:

*Eat This Bread*

466 VU

Eat this bread, drink this cup  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup;  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

(4-5 times)

Words by Robert J. Batastini and the Taize Community, 1982.  
Music by Jacques Berthier, 1982.

*Spirit Open My Heart*

79 MV

### Refrain:

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

### Refrain

2. Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each  
thought, world and deed, may my living bring you glory.

### Refrain

3. May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother. In the  
welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

### Refrain

Words: Ruth Duck, 1994  
Music: traditional melody, Ireland; arr. Arthur G. Clyde, 1997  
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1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you;  
all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name,  
speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body, given long ago.
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out,  
choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
4. I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Words and Music by Daniel Charles Damon, 1989.  
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### **Prayer after Communion**

Note: Lawrence begins the prayer.

**All: Gracious God,  
may your gifts of love transform and enliven us  
that we may live lives of thanksgiving.  
May your presence among us  
provoke such longing for your realm,  
that we will never be satisfied  
until the whole earth knows  
your justice, your peace, and your love.  
In Christ's name, we pray.  
Amen.**

### **Commissioning & Blessing**

## **Hymn - *When the Spirit of the Lord is within My Heart***

1. When the spirit of the Lord is within my heart, I will dance as David danced.  
When the spirit of the Lord is within my heart, I will dance as David danced.  
I will dance, I will dance, I will dance as David danced.  
I will dance, I will dance, I will dance as David danced.
2. When the spirit of the Lord is within my heart, I will sing as Mary sang.  
When the spirit of the Lord is within my heart, I will sing as Mary sang.  
I will sing, sing, sing, as Mary sang.  
I will sing, sing, sing, as Mary sang.
3. When the spirit of the Lord is within my heart, I will love as Jesus loved.  
When the spirit of the Lord is within my heart, I will love as Jesus loved.  
I will love, love, love, as Jesus loved.  
I will love, love, love, as Jesus loved.
4. When the spirit of the Lord is within my heart, I will clap as Miriam clapped.  
When the spirit of the Lord is within my heart, I will clap as Miriam clapped.  
I will clap, clap, clap, as Miriam clapped.  
I will clap, clap, clap, as Miriam clapped.

Words by anon. from Latin America, adapted by worship team.  
Music by anon. from Latin America.

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