



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

**May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**North Bramalea United Church**  
**Brampton, Ontario**

**Annual Meeting Theme:**  
So What? Faith in Action

**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.

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

Lawrence:      Welcome, as we celebrate and gather.

Won:            Welcome, as we worship and gather.

Andrea:        Welcome, as we sing and gather.

Lawrence:      As we begin this celebration today, we begin with acknowledging.

Won:            The land where we stand today has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from time immemorial.

Andrea:        As settlers on this land, we are grateful for the opportunity to meet and be present here.

Lawrence:      We are thankful for the many generations who steward this land.

Won:            Long before we gathered here, this has been the traditional territory of the Anishinabek, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, Ojibway/Chippewa peoples and the Métis people.

Andrea:        As, we the church, live into our commitments regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, we are also living into the growing understanding of what occurred at the United Church of Canada run residential schools.

Won:            Today, our collective commitment is to make the promise and be led by the challenge to bring about a just right relationship.

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

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

Andrea: In this service we light Christ's Candle of Justice;

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen!

### **Call to Worship**

Andrea: In the spirit of faithful community and encouraged by the presence of the Holy Spirit, we have answered the call to worship in this sacred time and place.

In person and through online space, let us bring the full gift of ourselves to be together as disciples of Jesus.

Let us bring words, thoughts and actions that will fill hearts with thanksgiving and praise.

Let us worship with a readiness to come alive in the Spirit and to discover anew God's way of living and loving in the world. Come let us worship God.

We will now sing, Let Us Build a House.

### **Opening Hymn - Let Us Build A House**

MV 1

1. Let us build a house where love 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 visions,  
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.
2. 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.

3. Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.
4. 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.
5. 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.

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

**Won:** Spirit of living God, the ground of our being, your breath is our breath, your heartbeat echoes in us and it reverberates throughout the universe. May we be attuned to the stirrings of your compassion as you inspire new ministers and as we give thanks to the retirees on this day.

In this time of worship, open our hearts and create in us a quiet centre. May we go deep into our sacred part of our being where we are true to the will of your Spirit to give voice to the voiceless, to share our joy with the weeping, and give authentic expressions of faith in action.

O God of love, human reality challenges us with uncomfortable truths regarding climate change, structural poverty, and artificial differences that divide us from

one another and ultimately you. We thus live a life of quiet desperation as well as desperate longings.

O God, inspire us to go beyond our minds. Expand our hearts to wider circles of compassion to embrace all peoples and the fullness of Your Creation as our kin, our friend, and our relations. May we see the oneness of your Creation as you see it and to know that it is good.

O eternal Spirit of Life, on this Pentecost Sunday, fill us with your love so that, we may love as Jesus loved, serve as Lydia served, sing as Mary sang, and dance as David danced.

May we do so with humble gratitude as we move to your sacred dance. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Lawrence:** 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**

**Andrea:** Loving God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive the wonders of your Word. As words are spoken and thoughts are formed, pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding so that we might respond by living your truth in faith and love in the world. Amen

### **Scripture**

Jeremiah 29: 11 - 14

1 John 3: 17 - 24

Gospel - Luke 6: 43 - 47

### **Sermon: Rev. Donna Bowman-Woodall**

### **Meditation Hymn - *Come Touch our Hearts***

MV 12

1. 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.

2. 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.
  
3. 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.
  
4. 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.
  
5. 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.

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**Action**  
**CELEBRATION OF PAST ORDAINED, COMMISSIONED,**  
**DESIGNATED LAY, ADMISSION,**  
**LICENSED LAY WORSHIP LEADERS' MINISTRY POSITIONS**

**David:** I invite Reverend Alana Martin and Reverend Bri-anne Swan to come forward.

**Coming Forward Hymn - You, Creator God, Have Searched Me**

MV 131

1. You, Creator God, have searched me and you know my ways.  
You perfectly understand me. It's my cause of praise.  
I cannot escape your presence in air, land or sea.  
Your arms of love and protection are always with me.

## Chorus

You know me, O God, you have made me.  
I am proud I'm the work of your hand.  
In my waking and sleeping moments,  
with my being I will praise your name.

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**David:** We at Shining Waters Regional Council have recognized that during the COVID-19 pandemic we were faced with difficult challenges and changes to the way that we celebrated ministry. Over Zoom we joined with grateful thanksgiving in your ministry, and in the ministry of others who are not able to be with us for this service. Now today, in person, we invite you into this space so that we, human to human, face to face, may offer our continued blessing on your ministry.

Let us pray,

**God, Creator of the Cosmos,  
Pour out your spirit on the lives and ministry of your  
disciples here today. We especially recognize the ministry  
of Reverend Alana Martin and Reverend Bri-Anne Swan,  
diaconal ministers within the United Church of Canada.  
As they continue to live into their ministries of witness in this world, be  
present in their efforts. Amen**

## Celebration of the Retirees

**David:** 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 especially reflect on the ministry and work of: Reverend Carol Baggett-McKinley, Reverend Cindy Cooper, and Reverend Hugh D. Reid.

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, and we know  
that you are always present as guardian and guide. We are grateful for the  
service and ministry of those who have entered into this next phase of life:  
Reverend Carol, Reverend Cindy and Reverend Hugh. 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**

## **Recognition of the Outgoing President**

**Peter:** As we prepare to install our new president, we pause in thanksgiving for the leadership of David Leyton-Brown who has been our President for the past year.

**Jody:** In our time of need, you stepped back into a role that you knew well and for that we are grateful.

**Peter:** Your wisdom and insight, has continued to help us grow into our commitments as a regional council.

**Jody:** Your humour and dedication, have made it truly an honour and a joy to work with you.

**Peter:** Thank you for this year, and your previous years of service to Shining Waters Regional Council.

**Jody:** For your assistance in the transition into this new structure, and your encouragement to help us live into this new structure.

**Peter:** Your dedication to the wider church has been gratefully received and deeply needed.

## **Installation of New President**

**Peter:** President, I present to the Reverend Maria Christina Conlon whom this Council has elected to preside over it and to give leadership to the church until her successor is installed.

**David:** Reverend Maria Christina Conlon, will you trust in the power of God's Spirit to guide you in your work as President of Shining Waters Regional Council?

**Maria Christina:** I will.

**David:** Will you abide by the polity of The United Church of Canada?

**Maria Christina:** I will.

**David:** Do you, the members of Shining Waters Regional Council promise to support and encourage Maria Christina with your prayers and work?

**All:** **We will hold you in our prayers and ask for blessings upon you in your work amongst us.**

**David:** I now install you, Reverend Maria Christina Conlon as President of Shining Waters Regional Council and confer upon you such obligations and authority as



belong to the office of president. May you know you are surrounded by God's blessings and ours as you are called to this ministry of leadership.

**Peter:** Let us pray: Holy One, be with Reverend Maria Christina Conlon and the people of Shining Waters Regional Council as they continue the journey of faith in this season of ministry in this Region. May Reverend Maria Christian Conlon be for us a visible sign of Christ's witness here on earth. Amen.

## INVITATION FOR THE 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."

**Maria Christina:** 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 – Jeffrey Dale

**Musical Meditation:** *God of the Bible (Fresh as the Morning)* vs. 3, MV 28

**Kellie:** I present to you **Jeffrey Dale**, a candidate for Ordination.

**Maria Christina:** 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?

**Jeffrey:** I do.

**Maria Christina:** Do you believe that God is calling you to the ordained

ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care, and do you accept this call?

**Jeffrey:** I do.

**Maria Christina:** 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?

**Jeffrey:** I am willing.

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

**Maria Christina:** By the power of your Spirit, O God, fulfill the call of **Jeffrey Dale** to Ordained Ministry in your church and strengthen in her the gifts for that ministry. Amen.

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

**Maria Christina:** 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 **Jeffrey Dale** 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 – *Halle, Halle, Halle***

VU 958

**CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION – James Harbell**

**Musical Meditation:** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

vs. 1, VU 703

**Kellie:** I present to you **James Harbell**, a candidate for Ordination.

**Maria Christina:** 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?

**James:** I do.

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

**James:** I do.

**Maria Christina:** 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?

**James:** I am willing.

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

**Maria Christina:** By the power of your Spirit, O God, fulfill the call of **James Harbell** to Ordained Ministry in your church and strengthen in her the gifts for that ministry. Amen.

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

**Maria Christina:** 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 **James Harbell** 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 – *Halle, Halle, Halle***

VU 958

### **CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION – Jennifer Henry**

**Musical Meditation:** *Until All Are Fed*

v. 1 & chorus

**Kellie:** I present to you **Jennifer Henry**, a candidate for Ordination.

**Maria Christina:** 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?

**Jennifer:** I do.

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

**Jennifer:** I do.

**Maria Christina:** 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?

**Jennifer:** I am willing.

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

**Maria Christina:** By the power of your Spirit, O God, fulfill the call of **Jennifer Henry** to Ordained Ministry in your church and strengthen in her the gifts for that ministry. Amen.

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

**Maria Christina:** 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 **Jennifer Henry** 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 – *Halle, Halle, Halle***

VU 958

**CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION – Nancy Umphrey**

**Musical Meditation:** *O Lord My God, 'How Great Thou Art'*

v. 1, VU 238

**Kellie:** I present to you **Nancy Umphery**, a candidate for Ordination.

**Maria Christina:** 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?

**Nancy:** I do.

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

**Nancy:** I do.

**Maria Christina:** 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?

**Nancy:** I am willing.

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

**Maria Christina:** By the power of your Spirit, O God, fulfill the call of **Nancy Umphrey** to Ordained Ministry in your church and strengthen in her the gifts for that ministry. Amen.

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

**Maria Christina:** 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 **Nancy Umphrey** 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 – *Halle, Halle, Halle***

VU 958

### **CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONING – Dyanne Marlok**

**Musical Meditation:** *Go Make A Difference*

v. 2, MV 209

**Kellie:** I present to you, **Dyanne Marlok**, a candidate for Commissioning.

**Maria Christina:** You have heard your name called. We ask you the questions that have been asked throughout 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?

**Dyanne:** I do.

**Maria Christina:** Do you believe that God is calling you to the diaconal ministry of education, service, and pastoral care, and do you accept this call?

**Dyanne:** I do.

**Maria Christina:** 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?

**Dyanne:** I am willing.

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

**Maria Christina:** By the power of your Spirit, O God, fulfill the call of **Dyanne Marlok** to Diaconal Ministry in your church and strengthen in her the gifts for that ministry. Amen.

**Peter:** Receive this Bible. Proclaim in word and action the gospel of Christ with diligence and love.

**Maria Christina:** 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 **Dyanne** has been commissioned to the ministry of education, service, and pastoral care within The United Church of Canada.

**Musicians – *Halle, Halle, Halle***

VU 958

**CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION – Rev. Thomas Shin**

**Musical Meditation:** *Blessed Assurance*

v. 1, VU 337

**Maria Christina:** 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.

**Kellie:** I present to you, **Reverend Thomas Shin**, who is already ordained in another denomination and who now wishes to exercise ministry within The United Church of Canada.

**Maria Christina:** 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?

**Thomas:** I do.

**Maria Christina:** **Thomas**, 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 Thomas and strengthen them in the gifts of ministry which you so generously bestow. Amen.

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

**Maria Christina:** I declare that **Thomas** 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 – *Halle, Halle, Halle***

VU 958

**CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION – Rev. Woong Youm**

**Musical Meditation:** *We Are A Rainbow*

**Maria Christina:** 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.

**Kellie:** I present to you, **Reverend Woong Youm**, who is already ordained in another denomination and who now wishes to exercise ministry within The United Church of Canada.

**Maria Christina:** 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?

**Woong:** I do.

**Maria Christina:** **Woong**, 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 Woong and strengthen them in the gifts of ministry which you so generously bestow. Amen.

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

**Maria Christina:** I declare that **Woong** 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 – *Halle, Halle, Halle***

*VU 958*

**CELEBRATION of LICENSED LAY WORSHIP LEADERSHIP– Marilyn Elphick**

**Musical Meditation:** *O Lord My God, ‘How Great Thou Art’*

v. 1, VU 238

**Peter:** “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.

**Dale:** I present to you Marilyn Elphick.

**Maria Christina:** 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. Marilyn, do you promise to exercise your ministry faithfully, bearing witness to the love of Christ?

**Marilyn:** I do.

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

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

**Maria Christina:** And so we sing to celebrate!

**Musicians – *Halle, Halle, Halle***

VU 958

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**Lawrence:** Please stand, as you are able, As people of the risen Christ, let us affirm our faith in God by joining together in the words of A New Creed

### **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

### Offering

**Andrea:** Our offering will now be received.

**Special Music:** *Christ Has No Body Now But Yours*

MV 171

**Refrain:** **Christ has no body now but your,  
no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth, yours is the work,  
to serve with the joy of compassion.**

**1** No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,  
no hands but yours to sooth all its suffering,  
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope  
of the people of God. **Refrain**

**2** No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,  
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;  
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy  
of the city of God. **Refrain**

**3** No feet but yours to journey with the poor,  
to walk this world with mercy and justice.  
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace  
for the children of God. **Refrain**

**4** Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need;  
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,  
with ev'ry gift a benediction, be  
to the people of God. **Refrain**

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Music: Rick Gunn, 2006

## Offertory Prayer

**Andrea:** 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.

## Invitation

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

**Andrea:** 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*

VU 467

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**

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**Lawrence:** The Spirit of God be with you all.

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

**Andrea:** 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*

MV 203

**O holy, holy holy God, O God of time and space.**  
**All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.**  
**Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.**  
**And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

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

**Andrea:**        You beyond the galaxies,

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

**Andrea:**        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,**

**Andrea:**        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:

**Andrea:** 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.**

**Andrea:** 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 . . .**

**Andrea:** for all our families and friends . . . .

**Won:** Ukraine

**Lawrence:** Pandemic

**Andrea:** Climate Change

**Lawrence:** Retirees

**Andrea:** Toxic Drugs

**Won:** Candidates

**Andrea:** Racism

**Lawrence:** Sudan

**Won:** Housing

**Won:** O God, like a soaring eagle, watch over us.  
**Andrea:** Like a mother hen, shelter us.  
**Lawrence:** Like Canada geese flying in V-formation, unite us.  
**Won:** Like the ocean that refuses no river, receive our prayers.  
**All 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.**  
**Andrea:** Your justice,  
**All:** **our strength.**  
**Won:** Your grace,  
**All:** **our path to rebirth.**  
**Lawrence:** And so, we cry, Mercy:  
**All:** **Mercy!**  
**Andrea:** 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,**

**Andrea:** Make us, though broken,  
**All:** **whole,**

**Won:** Make us, despite death,  
**All:** **alive.**

**All Three:** And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:  
**All:** **Come, Holy Spirit!**

**All Three:** And so, the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:  
**All:** **Come, Holy Spirit!**

**All Three:** 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,**

**Andrea:** 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 Three:** 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**

**Andrea:** Introducing the table of God... Gluten Free Bread, Go to your closest communion station.

**Hymns:**

*I Have Called You by Your Name*

MV 161

*Deep in Our Hearts*

MV 154

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

VU 375

**Prayer after Communion**

**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.

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