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April 3, 2022 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Lord Prepare Me

MV 18

Call to Worship

One: Lord, prepare us.

All: Prepare our hearts and minds to find You once again.

One: May we find You at the Table in the bread and in the cup.

All: May we find You in our neighbour right next door.

One: May we find You because we are found by You.

All: In Your love that knows no bounds, we sing our praise to You.

*Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

VU 315

Children's Time

Krystal Manuel, Children's Coordinator

Hymn

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

VU 959

Solar Panel Project

"To live with respect in creation"

Jill Curd

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43: 16-19; I Peter 2: 1-10

Anthem

Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name

Traditional spiritual, arranged by Brazeal W. Dennard

Reflection

"Faith in the Balance 5: More than Mind"

Hymn

In the Bulb

VU 703

Invitation to Communion

Please see insert or screen

Sharing in Communion

Prayer after Receiving (In Unison)

Here we have tasted your goodness, O God. Send us forth from this place renewed by the grace, peace, hope, love, and joy of Christ, to help renew this world. Amen.

*Parting Hymn

All Who Hunger

VU 460

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction

Lord, Prepare Me

MV 18

Postlude

Sherry Steele

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

VU refers to the red hard-bound hymnal called *Voices United*

MV refers to the paperbound hymnal called *More Voices*



Special thanks to Rev. Tom Sawyer, Minister Emeritus, for sharing in leadership in today's worship.

April 10 is Palm Sunday with special reflection and music by Sherry Steele and John Tessier, a world-renowned opera singer. Join us!

Holy Communion
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Invitation to the Table

Musical Response:

***Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.***

Leader: Friends, God is ever present with you.

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: As close as breath, the Holy is present with us. So we lift up our hearts.

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

Leader: We come to this table today seeking a quiet place where we can rest and find renewal. We bring our joys and our concerns, our worries for the world, and deep desire for peace for all, especially in Ukraine. In this bread and this cup, may we find peace in our own hearts, even as we pray for peace across the world. We sing of peace:

***Come to the table of peace,
Come to the table of peace.
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.***

Leaders: ... And so we join our voices in thanksgiving, together with those who have come before, offering the praise of the ages:

People: *(Spoken)* **Holy, holy, holy God!
Everywhere we see your Glory!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: And we sing of Christ's love:

***Come to the table of love,
Come to the table of love.
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love***

Leaders: ... Jesus invites all to his table. We sing of hope as we welcome all:

***Come to the table of hope,
Come to the table of hope.
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.***

Leaders: ... Let us be a community of messengers, proclaiming and reminding each other of the sacred truth:

People: *(Spoken)* **Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Leaders: ... By your spirit we are one with Christ, the host of this table, and one with each other. May the joy of this good news be seen in us outside of this place. It is with great thanks that all of God's people say Amen. **"Amen!"** And we sing of Joy:

***Come to the table of joy,
Come to the table of joy.
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.***

Sharing at the Table

Music by Sherry Steele

Please come forward as you're able down the centre aisle to receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and return by the outside aisle. Baskets of individually wrapped Communion settings are available from the servers if you prefer.

Prayer after Receiving *(In Unison)*

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