

Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Announcements:

Welcome:

The light of Christ shines within us. (*Elder lights Christ candle*).

We are worshipping on unceded Mi'kmak'i land;
acknowledging that we are all people of the Peace and Friendship Treaty.
(*Elder lights Peace Candle*)

The Holy Embrace encompasses us all. (*Elder lights Affirmation candle*)
In this community of faith, we celebrate that all are welcome in this place.
All are welcome by God's grace.

**Call to Worship:

We are gathered to celebrate our community,
To ponder the holiness of each other
To lift our voices in praise
To bring our concerns into the Divine Presence
To be God's church today, in this place.
Let us worship together.

**Opening Prayer:

(One)
You, LORD, are our guide in the wilderness;
there is nothing more that we could need.

(All)
**You set up camp in places of beauty and shelter;
You lead the way on secluded tracks
beside brooks of cool clean water.**

(One)
Good Shepherd, you have brought us abundant life.

(All)
**May we open our minds and hearts and fully receive the profusion which
comes from abiding in You.**

**Hymn: MV 8 And on This Path

Prayer of Confession:

(One) Giver of life, in the midst of a plundered earth we groan with creation:
(All) have mercy on us.
(One) Giver of life, in the midst of poisoned waters we groan with creation:

(All) have mercy on us.

(One) Giver of life, in the midst of polluted air we groan with creation:

(All) have mercy on us.

(One) Giver of life, in the midst of mountains of waste we groan with creation:

(All) have mercy on us.

(One) Giver of life, in the midst of a world at war we groan with creation:

(All) have mercy on us.

(One) Giver of life, we who are made in the image of God have gone astray,

(All) have mercy on us.

Words of Assurance:

Even if we hike through a perilous valley,
fear will still not get the better of us.

As long as we walk with the merciful Shepherd.

Prayer of Illumination

Holy Shepherd,
you who know your sheep by name.

Guide us by your voice,
that we may walk in certainty and security
to the joyous feast prepared in your house,
where we celebrate with you forever. Amen.

Scripture:

Acts 2:42-47

- offered by Janet Mombourquette

John 10:1-10

Words of God that is still speaking.

Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: You Call Us, Lord, to Worship - text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette©
2002, w/tune by John Lindsay-Botten© 2023 Sung/Played by Kaitlin Wilcox

Reflection:

- Reverend Judith Perry

Offering Invitation – MV 126 Are You a Shepherd?

****Offertory Response: VU 544 In Gratitude and Humble Trust**

****Offering Dedication:**

While we bring our offerings to the table
Our Shepherd has a feast for us,
pampers us like honoured guests
and constantly tops up our glasses.

****Hymn: MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts**

Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

Holy God,
you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son,
and to care for those who are our companions,
not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love.
Seeking to be true friends of all,
we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

Guide us in the path of discipleship,
so that, as you have blessed us,
we may be a blessing for others,
bringing the promise of the kingdom near
by our words and deeds. Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus

****Hymn: VU 227 For the Fruit of All Creation**

****Blessing:**

Go now, listening for the voice of Christ,
and follow the example he left us.
Devote yourself to the apostles' teaching,
to fellowship,
to the breaking of bread
and to the prayers of God's people.
And may God lead you to places of rest and renewal;
May Christ Jesus give you life in abundance;
And may the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with gladness and generosity.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

****Parting Song: MV 213 Take Up His Song v1 (2x)**

OUR MISSION

TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

BY LIVING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS: