

September 22nd 2024

Congregational responses are in bold (*) Indicates Standing

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit** "Grateful" **MV#182**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: The blessing of God is around us,

All: and among us.

One: The blessing of God binds us together,

All: and holds each heart in love.

One: The blessing of God moves with us,

All: and walks by our side.

One: The blessing of God is here as we worship,

All: in joy, compassion, and peace. Amen.

***Hymn:** "I Feel the Winds of God" **VU#625**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Living and Loving God, in this moment we gather to praise You even though we don't fully understand You. You are a fire we cannot touch. You are a song we cannot quite sing. You are a sea whose bottom we cannot fully search, and an endless pattern of light that continues to shine throughout all creation. But, even so, Your fire warms us, Your song stirs in us, Your waters refreshen us, and Your light chooses to come, enlightening our way. Enfold us now in the mystery and certainty of Your Grace as we worship and open our hearts to Your love. In the tender name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayer: "Lord, Listen to Your Children..." **VU#400**
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

God of love we come to you, with hopes and dreams we pray come true. Throughout this year and in all we do, bless our way as we walk with You. In each and everyday we pray, for Your light to lead our way. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

VU#357

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination:

Reader: Val T.

Scripture Lesson:

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Response:

One: This is the Word of God,

All: **may it live and move in our hearts. Amen.**

Sermon "Vulnerable Love"

Anthem

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "Healer of Our Every Ill"

VU#619

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

VU#543 vs. 1

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

God of all life, along with our offering this day we also offer ourselves to Your service. We lift before You these gifts of our time, our talents, our labor and treasure; all of which have first come from Your blessing. Receive us as we are and use us for Your continued ministry in this world. May these gifts become for other signs of Your grace and compassion. Amen.

***Hymn:** "We Are Pilgrims"

VU#595

Closing Blessing: (*unison*)

**May the mercy of God ground us,
The love of Jesus take root in us,
And the Holy Spirit grow in us,
Now and in our week ahead.
Amen.**

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Blessing** "A Blessing" **VU#428**

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

<i>Ushers:</i> Sept 22 Howard & John Sept 29 Sue & John
<i>Screens:</i> Sept 22 no volunteer available
Sept 29 Kevin Oct 6 Erik

This week's calendar			
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
Wednesday	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary

***Tai Chi** with Val is offered Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:30am*

Scouts, Guides and outside rentals also use the building throughout the week.

Announcements:

Orange Shirt Day: On September 30, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential institutions. We encourage you to wear orange for our church service, next Sunday, Sept 29.

Volunteers Needed! Have you ever thought about joining the worship team? Now is a great time! Talk to Rev. Scott or Emily to find out how to participate.

***Please note** – Bulletins were reprinted and will be updated with current custodian's name beginning in October.