

(▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Introductions

Theme Conversation

Acknowledging the Territory

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

We Sing – Called by Earth and Sky MV # 135

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

**This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of Life, sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.**

**Precious this gift, the air we breathe,
wind born and free.**

**Breath of the Spirit blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.**

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Call to Worship (Responsive)

In the beginning God created all things,
and God saw that they were good.

At our beginning, God created us
**unique and irreplaceable,
loved and wanted by God,
known and treasured by God
even before we were knit in the womb.**

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new

**so we will seek God
in the freshness of this morning,
in the laughter of friends,
in the colours of creation,
and in this beautiful place.**

And so let us begin, by
opening our eyes to see God's presence,
our souls to sense God's presence,
and our hearts to love God's presence,
**ever here in your creation,
and ever beyond it in eternity.**

▲ We Sing – This Is God's Wondrous World # 296

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Holy God, source of all that is good,
we gather before you seeking your grace and love.
Be present in our lives. Fill us with your light.
Be generous with your love, as You encourage us to
be generous with our own. Count us among your
children. Be compassionate toward our mistakes.
Forgive our failings. Be gracious with your power.**

**Strengthen us for your service,
and hear not only the words of our lips
but also the words of our hearts this day.**

Silent Prayer...

**We turn to you,
knowing that you understand us,
forgive us, and love us like a Mother,
and so we pray with confidence and faith,**

**Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses**

**As we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words – Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Reflection – In All Our Beginnings

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – At the Dawn of Your Creation
HYMN TO JOY (Tune: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

▲ We Profess – A New Creed Page # 918 (Together)

Mission and Service Story

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ We Sing – Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness # 375

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

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Precious the fire that lights the way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one.

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Called by earth and sky.

*Call to Worship adapted from Liturgy of Creation
(<http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/liturgies/creation.htm>)*

Welcome!

Thank you to **Rev. Renee Clark** for leading us in Worship this Sunday. Rev. Catherine is recovering from surgery, and will be back with us next Sunday. We wish her the best.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

This is your chance to assist this fall with **the readings during the Sunday service**, let the office know your availability.

Hospitality — Circle of Service

We're back from summer and ready for a new season! Would you be interested in helping with Sunday morning Coffee Time? What about volunteering to operate the elevator before and after church or perhaps you would consider greeting people arriving at church? Training available! If any of these areas of service interest you, please contact Melanie 902-469-5220.

The Food Bank asks for donations of **egg cartons**.

Note, our services are livestreamed and photos may be taken. You are welcome to take photos and video.



If you would like to contribute to our ministry, there are **offering plates** at the back, or you can e-transfer to stjamesfinancials181@gmail.com. This QR code will take you directly to our Canada Helps page.
Thank you for your generosity!

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