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We humbly gather on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nation and Metis people.

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Seeds of the Spirit

“When we practice generosity and forgiveness, we reflect the image of God.” - Mac Canoza

Welcome and Greeting

Gather

We each come with different gifts to share.

Help us to celebrate and learn from these differences, so they draw us closer and do not divide us.

remembering that we are each God's living letters of faith, hope, and beauty.

Come, let us worship. Amen.

Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven, glad of heart your carols raise,
loved and healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Singing praises! Singing praises! Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favour shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Singing praises! Singing praises! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame;
Gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Singing praises! Singing praises! All within me, praise God's name!

Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1834. Music: John Goss, 1869.

Centre

Poem

Musical Meditation

Listen

Blessings, Concerns, Spirit Sightings

Hymn- *Teach Me, God, to Wonder*

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.

Refrain: Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.

Let me God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me. (Refrain)

Let me God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take. (Refrain)

Teach me, God, to know you , hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet. (Refrain)

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Message

Respond

Choral Anthem: "When We Are Living" by Ron Klusmeier and Ruth Duck
God of generosity and openness,

**We come as workers in your harvest;
we sing our praises, we share our joys, we relieve our burdens,
we listen for your word and we share in communion with each other.**

We come recognising all that you have done for us,
in the openness of a world of choice where we are able to shape our future
and the future of our communities and world through the decisions we make on our own
and together as a people.

**We praise you for the freedom that brings us, and today we recognise that freedom with
thankful hearts.**

We praise you for the part you seek us to play,
**for the ministries into which you invite us,
for the situations that allow us to share good news through deed and word,
and for the encouragement your Spirit brings as we grow in faith,
in understanding and in our ability to serve.**

With such freedom and opportunity comes responsibility and temptation.
**Like any good workers, we are called to work together for the sake of the bigger goal,
but like some workers, we can be tempted to work solely for our own benefit,
not counting the cost of our decisions as they impact on others or on society as a whole.**

Heal us, God, with generosity and openness, when we fail to live up to your expectations
and crush the generosity you extend to us.

**Heal us, Christ, with generosity and openness, when we deny others their place
and trap ourselves in small-mindedness.**

Heal us, Chief Elder, with generosity and openness, when we fail to recognise that your kin-dom
is not the same as the realms of the world, that your reign is one of faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

Hymn - O God of Matchless Glory

O God of matchless glory, of all surpassing worth,
you fill the world with wonder; you bring the stars to birth.
To whom shall we sing praises, to whom, O God, but you?
Hallelujah! You are our God, and we belong to you.

With Wisdom as your partner you formed the earth and sea;
and still she calls the simple, "Be wise and learn from me."
Who else gives rest in labour? Who else, O God, but you?
Hallelujah! We share your yoke and we belong to you.

Your word gives life forever; our fear of death is stilled.
With living bread and water our deepest need is filled.
To whom shall we go seeking? To whom, O God, but you?
Hallelujah! You are our God, and we belong to you.

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Departing

Blessed and called to bless, let us go forth into this world, linked together, in the knowledge and love of God.

May the peace of God, which passes our understanding, go with us, everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

Choral Benediction: *Until We Meet Again*

Postlude