St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Welcome!

Welcome to worship!

We hope it will be a quiet space for you as you prepare to spend time with God amid life's busyness and storms. We honour each other's desire for peace as we gather. We're glad you're here!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United MV: More Voices

* Please rise in body and/or Spirit as you are able.

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: God of melody,
Two: God of harmony,
One: God of dissonance.

Two: may our song reflect all the shape of our living;

One: may our song glorify you,

and empower our brothers and sisters in faith.

Two: may our song make us one, as through Christ we are

one, and may we sing praises to you, Our God,

our whole life long.

Opening Prayer

One: As we worship together, O God, may we live together. **Two:** As we live together, O God, may we witness together.

One: As we witness together, O God, may we journey together.

Two: As we journey together, O God, may we meet together.

One: As we meet together, O God, may we worship together.

Two: And may our worship be in you, O God, as you are in us. Amen.

Hymn

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain, I have wept for love of them; they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain
- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame,
 I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send? Refrain

Hymn Morning Has Broken

VU 409

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Hymn On Eagle's Wings VU 808

1 You who dwell in the shelter of our God, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust.'

Refrain 'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield. Refrain
 - You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. Refrain
 - 4 For to God's angels is given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission Indigenous People's Day

Readings from the Scriptures (NRSV) Psalm 100

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
- 3 Know that the Lord is God.
 It is he that made us, and we are his;[a]
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- **4** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- **5** For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn Will Your Anchor Hold VU 675

1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life? When the clouds unfold their wings of strife, when the strong tides lift and the cables strain, will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Refrain We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll, fastened to the rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

- 2 It will surely hold in the straits of fear, when the breakers tell that the reef is near; though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow, not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow. Refrain
 - 3 It will surely hold in the floods of death, when the waters cold chill our latest breath; on the rising tide it can never fail while our hopes abide within the veil. Refrain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

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Offertory

* Offering Response *

We bring our gifts to share, and lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care, our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.
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Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer (read and prayed slowly together)
All: 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.

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymns I Danced in the Morning VU 352

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,

and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;

the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die. Refrain

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. Refrain

Hymn Go Tell It

VU 43

Refrain Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

3 Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent our salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

Commissioning

* Choral Benediction Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price ©1988)

Postlude