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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH
TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, KITCHENER**

We're glad you're here!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

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

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God is our shelter, protection, and guide.

We want for nothing.

So let us practice thanksgiving!

God invites us to places of peace and beauty.

God will restore us.

Let us practice Sabbath rest.

Even when anxiety and fear threaten to
overwhelm us, when depression and
despair have us in their hold, and it
seems like death would be easier than
life,

Even then, we need not fear.

We will trust in God and practice
surrender.

For you, O God, nourish us even when trouble
and enemies are all around.

You claim us as your own and call us by
name. Our cup overflows, and we will
practice joy! God's compassion and
grace are with us every day,

And we will make our home in God's love and
peace.

**1,4 This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.**

**2 Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.**

**3 You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name,
we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.**

Prayer

One: Loving God; we come before you this day,
seeking your word for us.

You meet us in so many places and in so
many different ways.

You call us to service; to be your eyes, ears, hands and voice in this your world.

To open our eyes not only to the beauty and love which you create, but also the wrongs and suffering that so many experience.

To open our ears not only to the things we like to hear, but also the fears and questioning of those who are trying to find their way.

To extend a hand not only to those with whom we choose to share our lives, but in welcome, love, fellowship and help to all who need us.

To open our mouths not only to speak nice and cheerful words, but the truths you lay upon our hearts.

In this time of worship, give us grace, O God, not only to hear your Word, but also to receive it into our hearts and to show it forth in our lives.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Hymn **Praise the Lord** VU245

**1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.**

**2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Readings from the Scriptures – 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 14-19
David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. ² He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. ³ They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. ⁵ David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

¹⁴ Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, ¹⁵ while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

¹⁶ As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷ They brought the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord. ¹⁸ After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. ¹⁹ Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

Anthem **Lord of the Dance**

Reflection – What Happens when the Dance is Over –
Rev. Sydney Elias

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD AND LOVE

Prayer: Loving God, we thank you for calling us into relationship, and setting us in the world that you love. Through our prayers, we bring to you our joys and our concerns, and our deepest longings for your world.

We pray for our family and friends, those far away and those close by; any who are estranged from us and those who we depend upon us. Where relationships are strained, bring understanding and reconciliation. And bless and protect those relationships that are joyful and life-giving.

Caring God, we pray for the people we encounter every day, both those who are shining lights in our communities and those whose lights have yet to be discovered. Help us to be respectful of all and treat each person we meet with kindness.

Healing God, we pray for those who are suffering from illness or chronic conditions, for those in grief or loneliness, and for any who feel frustrated or overwhelmed by what they face. Move in their lives with your healing grace and show them signs of your presence and compassion.

And God we pray that in our worship and our work, we who are of your Church, will be agents of healing and reconciliation.

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn **You Shall Go Out with Joy** VU884

***You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!***

***And all the trees of the field
will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.***

Blessing and Benediction

One: From where we are to where you need us to be. From what we are to what you can make of us. Through the streets, in our homes and wherever life takes us; surround us with your presence, inspire us with your purpose and confirm us in your love, O God. Amen.

