

## *Baptism*

### **Welcome!**

*Welcome to worship!  
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: In the name of Jesus  
the bread breaker, the light gatherer, the cross carrier  
welcome

May the peace of Jesus  
the peace maker, and the temple disturber  
friend of the sinner, and companion on the road  
be with us all

Let us draw close to Jesus  
the saviour, the healer  
the teacher, the friend,  
and worship him

and ask ourselves, who do we say he is?

#### **Opening Prayer** *written by Margaret D. McGee*

One: Longing for connection.  
Longing to be not alone.

Longing for what makes life whole.  
Longing for love.  
Longing for God.

And God's longing back,  
longing for all creation,  
for every atom of being.  
Longing for love.  
Longing for us.

**Lord's Prayer** (read/prayed slowly)

**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.**

**Hymn** **I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry** VU644

**1** *I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.*

**2** *I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.*

**3** *When you heard the wonder of the word,  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,*

*to whom you now belong.*

**4** *If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun.*

**5** *In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.*

**6** *When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise.*

**7** *I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.*

## **Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism**

### **A New Creed**

**All:** We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## Sung Blessing

VU 965

**All: The Lord bless thee and keep thee.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace. Amen**

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Minute for Mission

#### **Readings from the Scriptures** (CEB) Mark 8:27-38

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

<sup>28</sup> They told him, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets."

<sup>29</sup> He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." <sup>32</sup> He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

<sup>34</sup> After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup> All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. <sup>36</sup> Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? <sup>37</sup> What will people give in exchange for their lives? <sup>38</sup> Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels."

## Reflection

Hymn            **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**    VU 644

**1        *Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:***

**2        *Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.***

***O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

**3        *Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.***

## **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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**\*Dedication of the Offering**

**Prayers of the People**

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

\* **Closing Hymn** **May the God of Hope Go with Us** VU424

**1** *May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

Refrain *Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

**2** *May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed.* Refrain

\* **Commissioning** *adapted from a prayer by Carlos Fernandez*

One: Creator God- as we return now to our homes,  
workplaces, and communities,  
may your Spirit open our eyes anew  
to the vastness and splendor of your beauty all  
around us.

May we hear, and smell, and see, and touch  
your glory evident in all of your creation.

Above all, let us be sources of peace,  
even in the brokenness of our planet for it is  
created in your image, destined for love.  
In peace, in faith, and in love we go.

\* **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)*

*Please remain seated in silence as we conclude  
our service with the postlude.*

## **Postlude**