

St. Mark's United Church, Cannifton, Ontario
Sunday, September 27, 2026
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APPROACHING GOD

Prelude

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AFFIRMING STATEMENT

WORDS OF WELCOME

COMMUNITY NEWS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Creator who is our provider.
The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.
God is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are God's acts.
God is our hope. Our trust is in God.

HYMN VU #308 “Many and Great O God are Your Works”

- 1 Many and great, O God, are your works,
Maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars,
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey your voice.
- 2 Grant unto us communion with you,
O star-abiding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us,
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with you.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us. We know that we are never alone. Your mercies have been faithful and rich. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will. In the name of the Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A Time of Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN VU # 958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (Repeat)

THEME TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN VU #232 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.
- 3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.
- 4 Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

First Scripture:

Philippians 2: 1-13 *Being Humble in Christ*

Read by: Chloe Land

Responsive Reading

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 VU 792 parts 1 and 2

**Refrain: We will tell new generations of the wonders
God has done.**

Part One (1 - 7)

Give heed to my teaching, O my people,
turn your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will reveal the hidden meaning of things in the past,
What we have heard and known,
what our parents have told us,
we will not hide from their grandchildren,

**but declare to the next generation
the testimony that you gave to Jacob
and the law you appointed in Israel,
which you commanded them to teach their children,**
that the next generation might know them,
children yet unborn,
and these in turn should arise, and tell their children.

**that they should put their trust in you,
and not forget your great deeds,
but keep all your commandments. R**

Part Two (12 - 16)

Marvellous things you did in the sight of our ancestors,
in the land of Egypt, in the plain of Zoan.

**You divided the sea and let them go through,
and made the waters stand up like a wall.**

By day you led with a cloud,
and all the night long with a beacon of fire.

You split rocks in the wilderness,

and gave drink in plenty as from the great deep.

You brought streams out of the rock,

and made water run down like rivers. R

Led by: Chloe Land

Second Reading:

Matthew 21: 23-32

The Parables of the Two Sons

Read by: Rev. Darren Liepold

SERMON

Reconciliation

RESPONDING

HYMN VU #368 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

- 1 Holy Spirit, truth divine,
 dawn upon this soul of mine.
 Voice of God and inward light,
 wake my Spirit, clear my sight.
- 2 Holy Spirit, love divine,
 glow within this heart of mine.
 Kindle every high desire,
 purify me with your fire.
- 3 Holy Spirit, power divine,
 fill and nerve this will of mine.
 Boldly may I always live,
 bravely serve, and gladly give.
- 4 Holy Spirit, law divine,
 reign within this soul of mine.
 Be my law, and I shall be
 firmly bound, forever free.
- 5 Holy Spirit, peace divine,
 still this restless heart of mine.
 Speak to calm this tossing sea,
 grant me your tranquility.
- 6 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
 gladden now this heart of mine.
 In the desert ways I sing;
 spring, O living water, spring!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Hymn VU # 544 “In Gratitude and Humble Trust”

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

Hymn VU #567 “Will You Come and Follow Me?”

1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the “you” you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow

in you and you in me.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

HYMN MV #214 “May God’s Sheltering Wings”

- 1 May God’s sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God’s nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love

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Postlude

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