

St. Mark's United Church, Cannifton, Ontario
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APPROACHING GOD

Prelude

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AFFIRMING STATEMENT

WORDS OF WELCOME

COMMUNITY NEWS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The days of summer shift and turn, yet your steadfast light remains with us, O God.
We kindle this flame as a sign of your presence in this time and place.

Grant us warmth, focus, and peace as we step into this new week of grace.
Let your light shine through our hands and our hearts. Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.
Praise the Lord
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Let us worship God.

HYMN MV # 1 "Let Us Build a House"

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell

how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **R**

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **R**

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: **R**

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **R**

OPENING PRAYER

God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet that we may follow you more faithfully. Yes God, we seek to follow Jesus in whose name we pray amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,

We confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need.

Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers.

Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation.

Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

A Time of Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN # 958 VU "Halle, Halle, Halle" (sung twice)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (Repeat)

THEME TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN # 341 VU "Fairest Lord Jesus"

- 1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

who makes the troubled heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, who spoke to Moses from the burning bush, speak to us now in the reading and the proclaiming of your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

First Scripture: Exodus 3: 1 - 15
(*Moses and the Burning Bush*)

Read by: Betty Beer

Responsive Psalm # 105 Page 828-829 VU

Refrain: Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!

Part One (1 - 11)

Give thanks and call on God's name.
Make known to the nations what God has done.

**Sing, O sing the songs of praise;
tell of all God's wonderful deeds.**

Exult in God's holy name;
let those who seek God be joyful in heart. R

Turn for help to the One who is your strength;
seek God's presence continually.
Remember the marvels the Most High has done,

the wonders and judgements God has given,
O children of Abraham and Sarah, God's servants,*
O offspring of Israel, chosen of God. R

You are the eternal God,
your justice reaches every corner of the earth,
You are ever mindful of your covenant,
the promise you gave to a thousand generations,
the covenant you made with Sarah and Abraham,
the oath you gave to Isaac.
You confirmed it for Jacob as binding.
To Israel your everlasting covenant you declared,
"To you I give the land of Canaan,
as your appointed inheritance."

* from Genesis 17

Part Three (23 - 26)

When Israel came to Egypt,
when Jacob settled in the land of Ham,
there you made your people fruitful,
stronger than their foes.
But when you turned their hearts to hate your people,
to deceitful dealing with your servants,
then you sent your servant Moses,
and Aaron, whom you had chosen. R

Led by: Betty Beer

Second Reading: Romans 12: 9-21

Read by: Rev. Darren Liepold

SERMON **"Overcoming Evil with Good"**

RESPONDING

HYMN # 348 VU "O Love, How Deep"

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high!

It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, in Jesus Christ, should take
our mortal form for mortal's sake.

- 2 God sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
and freely to this lost world came.
- 3 For us he was baptized, and bore
a holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharply knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us great daily works were wrought,
by words and signs, and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.
- 5 For us to wicked foes betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his spirit here
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.
- 7 To God whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through the Son,
to God all praise and glory be
both now and through eternity.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN # 544 VU “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 # 238 VU “How Great Thou Art”

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 consider all the works thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
 thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
 How great thou art! How great thou art!
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 How great thou art! How great thou art!**

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
 I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
 when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **R**

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
 Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 he bled and died to take away my sin. **R**

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” **R**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

HYMN # 214 MV “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,
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Postlude

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