

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

The flaming leaves of autumn are like the fire of God's spirit.
The bounty of the fields is like the fullness of God's love.
We are called to share the blessings of the land with the world.
Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: VU 519 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest,
sing songs of love and praise,
with joyful hearts and voices
your hallelujahs raise;
by whom the rolling seasons

in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest
a joyful song of love.

2 God makes the clouds drop fatness,
the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness,
the valleys laugh and sing.

God fills them all with fullness,
all things with large increase,
and crowns the year with goodness,
with plenty and with peace.

3 Bring to this sacred altar
all things God's goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,
the souls Christ died to save:
your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life f

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Creator of the world, you crown the year with your goodness.
May we who have been blessed give thanks always, sharing
from God's abundance. In all the earth, may we recognize your
gifts and treat them with reverence. So be it. Amen.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we acknowledge and confess in your presence the smallness of our love, the narrowness of our concern, the denial of our true humanity. Through our careless hands have slipped opportunities not taken, people not cared for, days not celebrated. We are ashamed and sorry for the ways of our unfaithfulness, and ask for reassurance and forgiveness. Amen.

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 MV #8 “And on this Path”

- 1 And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!

2 So enter in the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 “A Land of Plenty” Read by Jackie Bell

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 65 VU pg 782 Led by Jackie Bell

Psalm 65 - page 782 VU

Refrain: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed.

You give heed to prayer; to you all mortals shall come.
The burden of our sins is too great for us,
but you will purge them away. R

Blessed are the people you choose
and bring to dwell in your courts.

**We shall be filled with the blessings of your house,
your holy temple.**

With awesome deeds you answer our prayers for deliverance,
O God our Saviour -

**you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the far-off seas.**

By your strength you make fast the mountains,
and gird yourself round with power.

You still the raging of the seas,
and the roaring of the waves, the tumult of the peoples.
Those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your
wonders;
**the gateways of both morning and evening
shout for joy. R**

You visit the earth and water it,
you make it very fruitful.
The waters of heaven brim over their banks,
**providing us with grain,
for so you have prepared the land,**
drenching its furrows , settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
The pastures of the wilderness abound with grass,
and the hills are girded with joy.

The fields are clothed with sheep;
**the valleys are decked with wheat,
so that they shout and sing with joy. R**

Luke 17: 11-19 “One healed Leper returns to give thanks”

SERMON

Giving Where Are the Other Nine

HYMN MV 42 Praise God for This Holy Ground

- 1 Praise God for this holy ground,
 place and people, sight and sound.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's
 good is eternal.
- 2 Praise God in whose world we find
 food for body, soul and mind.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's
 good is eternal.
- 3 Praise God who through Christ makes known
 all are loved and called God's own.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's
 good is eternal.
- 4 Praise God's Spirit who befriends,
 Raises, humbles, breaks and mends.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's
 good is eternal.
- 5 Though praise ends, praise is begun
 where God's will is gladly done.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's
 good is eternal.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

O God, presider over the affairs of persons and nations, move us to thanksgiving, not because of what we have, but because of whose we are, not because of present blessing, but because of your continuing providence; not because of the moment, but because of the eternity of salvation. Let our thanksgiving be expressed not only in feasting, but in sharing, not only in passive enjoyment but in active service, not only in annual observance, but in daily attitude. And because your concern for wholesome living embraces every person upon the earth, we pray for ourselves and others such as those areas that do not know peace, those families who find themselves in difficulties, those struggling with economic uncertainty, the depressed, the lonely, those sick in mind and body. These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray together saying,

LORDS 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 MV #185 Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
God, you've been so good to me.
Ev'ry day you're blessing me.
Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

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Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

You keep blessing me,
blessing me, blessing me.
You opened the door
that I might see
you're blessing me.

And you keep blessing me,
blessing me, blessing me.
I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

You keep blessing me,
blessing me, blessing me.
You opened the door
that I might see
you're blessing me.

And you keep blessing me,
blessing me, blessing me.
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Commissioning and Benediction

HYMN MV 214 “May Gods 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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