

# *Oromocto Pastoral Charge*

*The United Church of Canada*

*January 28th, 2024*

*\*Please Stand as you are able, sit as you prefer\**

## **Greeting and Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**\*Introit:** I am the Light of the World VU 87 vs 2

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn** Draw the Circle Wide **MV 145**

## **Call to Worship**

God's praise endures forever,  
**and eternity meets us in fleeting moments.**

God's praise endures forever,  
**and glory bursts into ordinary activities.**

God's praise endures forever,  
**and faith is steadfast in the midst of change and challenge.**

Let us worship the Eternal God who calls us to this time and place.

## **Prayer of the Day**

You give us people for the times, O God.

**In the earliest days, you gave great leaders to Israel: Abraham, Jacob, and Moses.**

You give us people for the times, O God.

**And when a word of correction or justice was needed, you sent the prophets: Jeremiah, Amos, and Isaiah.**

You give us people for the times, O God.

**To a world crying out for salvation, your Chosen One, Jesus, came to teach, to die, and to rise again.**

You give us people for the times, O God.

**And still you send your messengers, your challengers, the agents of your love: Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, and unsung saints we know. We thank you, O God. Amen.**

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Our Minister, **Reverend Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles**, is in her Office this week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9-12, Thursday or by appointment and chance. She is available outside of these hours by chance or by appointment. Rev. Lori Beth can be reached in the following ways:

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If you know of someone who is ill, in hospital or who would like a visit from the Minister, please talk to Reverend Lori Beth.

## **Next Week's Scripture:**

We follow the Revised Common Lectionary for our services. Our service next week will be based on the following scripture: **Isaiah 40:21–31, Psalm 147:1–11, 20c (VU pp. 868–869 Part One), 1 Corinthians 9:16–23, Mark 1:29–39**

**The Season of Lent starts on February 14<sup>th</sup>.**

\* **Hymn** Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands **VU 570**

**Time For All Ages**      **Wisdom**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture**

**Deuteronomy 18:15–20**

**Psalms 111 (VU p. 833)**

**Mark 1:21–28**

Ricky Chilvers

\***Hymn** Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom **MV 10**

**Message:** Wisdom and Authority

**Offertory**

\***Dedication Verse** **VU 55 (vs 4)**

*What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him—give my heart.*

Offertory Prayer (*Unison*)

**Lord Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, asking you to bless them so that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine. Bless us, too, so that our lives speak of our choice to follow you, offering others the healing and hope you have offered us. Amen.**

**Our Prayers of Thanks and Concern**

\***Hymn** When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides **MV 169**

**Commissioning and Blessing**

The season of Epiphany celebrates God's light breaking into the world

in Christ Jesus, and so:

May the light of God lead you,  
the light of Christ embrace you,  
and the light of the Holy Spirit enliven you  
So that you know both hope and peace  
this day and each coming day.

**Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

\***Musical Benediction** Hope Shines as the Solitary Star **MV 220**

*Hope shines as the solitary star.  
Faith is the inner light.  
You and I together mirror the light of lights,  
And illumine the pathway home.*