

~ **St. James United Church** ~
~ *All are Welcome here* ~

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Order of Service - November 22, 2020
Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota nations referred to as Treaty 4 Territory. This land is also the homeland of the Metis. We respect and honour these traditional lands and pray that as we acknowledge the harms of the past, we will faithfully move forward in partnership as indigenous and non-indigenous siblings in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Greetings

We all have different understandings of God and ways to relate to the Holy. Please feel free to change words to fit your faith expressions.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

Blessed Lord, accept this burning candle as a sign of our faith and love for you. Like this candle, we are ready to be used in your service, without asking why and to what purpose. Even as this candle, we wish to stand in your presence to be consumed in the light and warmth of your Love. Please hear our prayer and, if it be your will, grant us petition.

Above all, make us loyal and faithful to you in all circumstances. Amen

Centering Song MV 7

Opening Words

People of God, attune your senses to what is around you and discover the glory of God.
We notice God everywhere we turn, in the sky, in the world around us, and in the people we meet.

People of God, praise God for goodness toward all things and all people.

Every day we are aware of the renewal cycle of God caring for us: in the rising of the sun and in the cycle of the moon, stars and seasons.

People of God, come together let us praise our God.

Hymn VU 235 “O Worship The King”

Prayer of Renewal

“Father, O to be like you. Oh to like the Trinitarian community. Mold me and make me, scour and shape me. Empower me to Love like Jesus. Spirit, empower me to shrink not from the scars of death-to-self relating. Through my communion with you, enable me to give others a taste of Your grace love. You made me, recreate me, to give-to love with agape love. Thank you!”

Hymn VU 375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Scripture Readings Ephesians 1: 15-23
Psalm 100

Message

Special Speaker: Olga Moneybird
Regina Native Outreach Ministry
Chairperson

Offertory

Dedication of Offering MV 191

Prayer of the People

Creator, God, Holy Spirit we join our hearts with you people everywhere as we pray for those who have forgotten, lost their ways. We bring forth the first peoples of this land as we strive to help them to remember. We pray for those who are lost in addictions, who need your healing touch. We pray for the men, women, girls and boys whose lives were taken, those stolen and their families. We pray for the front-line workers during this pandemic that they receive the rest and comfort they need in this difficult time. Let this place be filled with understanding, mercy and grace for those affected in these events that effect the world. We bring forth these prayers in the knowledge of your love for your people. Let this time of worship bring us closer to you. Amen

Hymn VU 600 “When I Needed A Neighbor”

Commissioning

Go Forth, witnessing to our membership in the Body of Christ.

Let us show to the world the blessing that we receive from God

Let us share our faith in Christ that brings healing to the brokenness around us.

And our calling from the Spirit to reach out to all who feel lost, and proclaim the Good News:

God is with us!

Blessing

May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Spirit be with you now and forever.

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