

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Praises Unending” by J. Krug

SANDRA RUTTAN

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Today, as we gather in person and from outside the sanctuary as Collier Street United Church, we acknowledge that long before those of us who are settlers, and those of us who are descendants of settlers, came to this land, there were people here. We know these First Nations peoples were Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa & Anishinabek, who made Treaties 16 & 18 possible.

Today, as a community of faith, we seek to be good stewards and give thanks for this land and our commitment to live in right relations with all peoples.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE OF COMMUNITY

RESPONSE: VU #82 “A Light is Gleaming” (refrain)

SANDRA RUTTAN/Choir

WELCOME & NEWS

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How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured.**

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

Come and feast on God's abundance.

We will drink from the river of God's delights.

Come and fashion yourself in the unity of Christ.

We will create a new community of unity in diversity.

Come let us worship with joy and thanksgiving!

We will bring God our prayers and our praise with hearts full of love.

SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN** VU #639 “One More Step” v.1,2,4

SANDRA RUTTAN/ Choir

^WORDS OF LIFE AND COMMUNITY:

Our God does not deal in half measures.

**Out of God's fullness we have received saving grace upon saving grace;
empowering us to be co-creators of love, peace, hope and unity.**

***HYMN:** MV#33 "Jesus Came to make us **ONE**"

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WE GROW TOGETHER

**O God, your Spirit gives us the gifts we need to hear and understand your holy Word.
Open our ears to hear your truth,
and open our hearts to receive an understanding of how to live that truth
as we follow Jesus, your Living Word.**

^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE: John 2:1-11 (Inclusive Bible)

Marion Tizzard

Let us listen to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

Gospel Reading of John 2:1-11

¹ Three days later, there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there.

² Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration.

³ At a certain point, the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no wine."

⁴ Jesus replied, "Mother, what does that have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

⁵ She instructed those waiting on tables, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ As prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washings, there were six stone water jars on hand, each one holding between fifteen and twenty-five gallons.

⁷ "Fill those jars with water," Jesus said, and the servers filled them to the brim.

⁸ "Now," said Jesus, "draw some out and take it to the caterer." They did as they were instructed.

⁹ The caterer tasted the water-which had been turned into wine-without knowing where it had come from; the only ones who knew were those who were waiting on tables, since they had drawn the water. The caterer called the bride and groom over

¹⁰ and remarked, "People usually serve the best wine first; then, when the guests have been drinking a while, a lesser vintage is served. What you've done is to keep the best wine until now!"

¹¹ Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee; in this way he revealed his glory, and the disciples believed in him.

*This is Life-giving Word, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.***

MEDITATION: "The Season of Epiphany: An Extraordinary Gift"

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PIANO ANTHEM: "New Wine" by B. Ligertwood, arr. T. Beaney

SANDRA RUTTAN

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

^HYMN: VU #299 "Teach Me God to Wonder" v. 1,2,4

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^BENEDICTION:

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By the grace of Messiah Jesus,

go out from this space with more than you brought in.

We go with the blessing of the one generous God,

sustaining,

liberating,

renewing,

and fulfilling all things,

now and always – Amen.

CLOSING SONG: VU#884 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

Virtual Choir

(We remain grateful for the offerings given today and electronically)
