

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Récits de Cromorne et de Cornet séparé,
en dialogue (*Louis-Nicolas Clérambault*)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters
Martha Bailkowski

INTROIT Safe in Your Hands, O God, Who Made Me
(*Michael Perry/Christopher Norton*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

From many moments
to this moment,
**we come as children of God,
called by God's grace.**
From many places to this place,
**we come as disciples of Christ,
called by Christ's peace.**
From many communities
to this community,
**we come as people of the Spirit,
called by the Spirit's life!**
From these moments,
places, communities,
we come—
to worship God!
(*R.Bott, Vancouver, B.C.*)

***HYMN** Come Touch Our Hearts (*Gordon Light*) *MV 12*
Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire; love strong
enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more
gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel; create a space
for spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding, to welcome
truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve, steady now
our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**Though we do not stand on lakeshores and cast our
nets into unknown waters, you call, O God comes to us
in other ways. Through the din of the frantic busyness
that can frame our lives at times, your call invites us to
slow down—to listen for your voice. May we know your
stillness, God—and in the stillness discern your way of
love for our lives so that we may be filled with it. We
look for your signs in the world, Revealing God, that
you are in the world—alive to it and us. May we risk
opening ourselves to you, that we may in turn risk
reaching out to others to share what we have come to
know in you. God in Community—Holy in One, we
pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

God seeks us out and meets us in our need.
Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Arise, Be Clothed in the Light
VU 886

**Arise, be clothed in the light.
Arise, be clothed in the light.
Your light has come. Your light has come.
Hallelujah.**

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SCRIPTURE 1Corinthians 1:10-18 *p.166 Pew Bible NT*
(Overcome divisions and find unity.) Joyce Hagarty

ANTHEM O Source of All (*Brian Tate*)

SCRIPTRE Isaiah 1:12-18 *Pew Bible p.630-631 OT*
(Do good; seek justice.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON The Big Picture

***HYMN** Oh a Song Must Rise (*Svenson/Nixon*) *MV 142*

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend,
Oh a song must rise once again. Singing out God's
praises and glory, the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.*

From the mountains to the valleys, from the desert to
the sea, a song must rise once again. From the voices
of our leaders, the voice of you and me, a song must
rise for the spirit to descend. ***Oh a song must rise...***

From poverty and riches, from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again. From the free and the
imprisoned, the timid and the bold, a song must rise for
the spirit to descend.

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend,
Oh a song must rise once again. Singing out God's
praises and glory, the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.*

From every house of worship, in every faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again. From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung, a song must rise for the spirit to
descend.

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend,
Oh a song must rise once again. Singing out God's
praises and glory, the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Gymnopédie I (Eric Satie)*

***DEDICATION** We Are an Offering *(D. Liles)*
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours;
we are an offering. We are an offering.

OFFERTORY PRAYER
PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

PRAYER PRELUDE Let My Spirit Always Sing *MV 83*
Let my spirit always sing, to your spirit answering,
through the silence, through the pain
know my hope is not in vain,
like a feather on your breath
trust your love, through life and death.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER
VU p.910

***HYMN** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing *p. 7*

*** COMMISSIONING**
May God the Maker bless you:
God who speaks words of freedom and justice,
God who walks alongside us—
 blessing us with hope for the path ahead.

***SUNG BLESSING**
Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light *(Rubalcava) MV 211*
Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ,
so you may be nourished by the Word of Life.
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POSTLUDE Dialogue sur les grands Jeux
(Louis-Nicolas Clérambault)



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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 22, 2023
11:00 AM

'Do good; seek justice.' (Isaiah 1:17)

***HYMN** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing **VU559**

Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debt
or daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.



Grace of Prayer