

## SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

**PRELUDE** Prelude in a minor (James Mansfield)

## **WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE** **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/  
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion*

Josh Szakel

**INTROIT** There Is a Time  
(Carolyn McDade arr. Lydia Pederson)

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is present in the frosty glitter of a winter's morn.  
God is alive in the dawning of each new day.

**We come to worship God.**

God brings strength to those who are weary,  
and insight to those who have lost their way.

**We come to hear God's truth.**

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to the divine purpose. God does not give up on us, even though we sometimes lose sight of God.

**We rejoice in the God who is faithfully with us.  
Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN** Arise, Your Light Is Come p. 7

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL & THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
Source of Light: you call us out of our daily lives to live in the radiance of your love. You have sent Jesus, Sun of Righteousness to illuminate the way! You have trusted us to be reflectors of your light in all the world. But forgive us, God: too often we have chosen shadow rather than the light of day; too often we have chosen other stars to follow; too often we have heard the promises of those who say the easier path is the brighter way. Forgive us God, and fill us once again with the radiant promise of Epiphany. Our Father, who art in heaven...

## **WORDS OF HOPEFUL ASSURANCE**

Arise, shine, for your light has come; and over you the glory of God has dawned. Friends, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved and free to become new.**

**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! (repeat)**

## **TIME FOR ALL AGES**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## FINDING GOD TOGETHER

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
(Paul greets the Christians in Corinth) Joan Brownlow

**ANTHEM** I Thank My God For You (Joseph M. Martin)

**GOSPEL READING** John 1:35-42 (Following Jesus)  
p. 92 Pew Bible NT

**SERMON** Seeing for Yourself The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

**\*HYMN** I Have Called You by Your Name **MV 161**

I have called you by your name, you are mine; I have gifted you and ask you now to shine. I will not abandon you; all my promises are true. You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go; read it written in my people, help them grow. Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim, offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go; feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow. Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine; I have given you my Spirit as a sign. With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** Returning Home a Different Way

(Bruce Harding)

**\*DEDICATION** What Can We Bring? (Mayberry/Kai)

**What can we bring, what can we offer, what gifts from heaven sent, to light Creation? We bring respect, we bring compassion, we breathe into the life that teaches all is holy. And justice shall be our heart's delight, an open door. We bring this Love, we bring this One Love. We bring this Love, we bring this One Love.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

**PRAYER PRELUDE** Let My Spirit Always Sing (MV 83)

**Let my spirit always sing, though my heart be wintering, though the season of despair give no sign that you are there, God to whom my days belong, let there always be a song.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN** I Heard the Voice of Jesus p. 7

### **\*COMMISSIONING**

### **\*SUNG BLESSING**

Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light (MV 211)

**Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ, so you may be nourished by the Word of Life. (repeat)**

**POSTLUDE** The Bright Resounding Trumpet

(Franklin Ritter)

## **Mission and Service Mountains of Service**



If you ever travel to the northern mountains of India and meet a man named Surrender Singh, the first thing he'll do is invite you on a walk. Not a short stroll, but a real mountain trek. And the beauty of the Himalayas is only part of what he wants to show you. With him as your guide, the trail becomes a story. Every bend holds a memory. Every village has a face he knows.

Many still call him "Singh san" from his time training at the Asian Rural Institute, a Mission and Service partner in Japan. For more than four decades, he has climbed these ridges. As you walk beside him, people call out greetings. He calls them by name. Someone brings tea. He digs in his pack and pulls out bananas or biscuits to share. And suddenly you're not just passing through—you're part of the conversation.

He'll point to a house and tell you how he once slept on the floor there while helping build a water pipeline with the Mussoorie Village Development Committee, the group he now leads. Another turn in the path, and he's showing you the school that has given local children a chance to learn close to home. And then there are the women's groups. Surrender Singh lights up talking about them. He trained them in organic farming. Now they grow and sell their produce, earning steady incomes and strengthening their families and communities.

By the time you reach the end of the trail, you realize that you haven't just taken a hike. You've walked through the story of a life spent in gratitude and service to others.

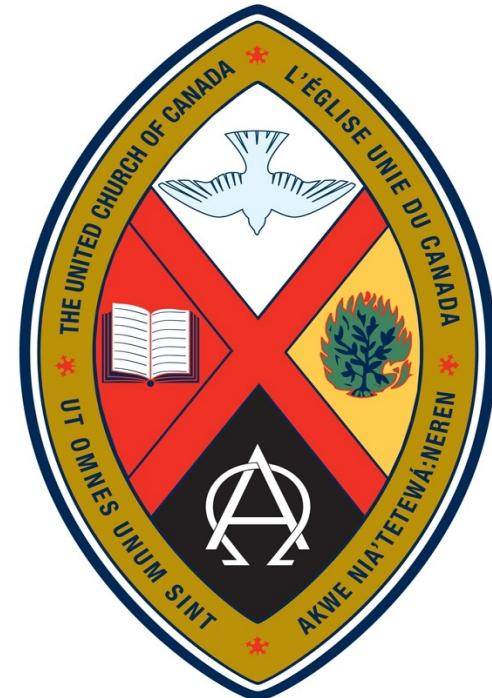
Mission and Service partners like the Asian Rural Institute are where leaders like Surrender Singh gain the skills and confidence to transform their communities. When you support Mission and Service, you help grow this kind of leadership and community—the kind that takes root, spreads, and changes lives, one mountain path at a time.

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**Epiphany 2**

**January 18, 2026  
11:00 AM**



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### Arise, Your Light Is Come **VU 79**

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

### I Heard the Voice of Jesus **VU 626**

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.