SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Variations on "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" (Robert Lau)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Light, Light is God's wonderful gift. It illuminates the space we are in. Light's actions can be described in a variety of ways;
Light clarifies, Light warns of danger, light guides our footsteps, light calms our fears, and light offers insights.
As we gather in worship, we light the Christ candle to help us to remember the ways that the Light of Christ blesses our lives.
Jesus Christ the Light of the world is with us now and always.

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/ Rainbow Candle of Inclusion Louise Procter Maio

INTROIT God, Who Has Caused to Be Written (Herbert O'Driscoll/F.R.C. Clarke)

CALL TO WORSHIP

****HYMN*** Come Touch Our Hearts **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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, your love calls us to live in new ways; working for justice; loving kindness and walking with you humbly every day. Please help us O God! Help us to be your blessing to the world. Help us to live your love. Today. Tomorrow. Always. We ask these things in Jesus' name and we follow his example as we pray together. Our Father…

WORDS OF GRACE

Hear the Good news: God's love and mercy are new every morning, fresh as the dew, sparkling like the new fallen snow in the early light. No matter how tired or sin-sick we are, this is true. You are loved, you are forgiven and you are God's own.

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

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6:1-8
Pew Bible p. 866 OT Bob McRoberts

ANTHEM This Is the House of God (John Rutter)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12
(The Beatitudes) *Pew Bible p. 4 NT*

SERMON Blessed Are We *Rev. Linda Wheler*

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY When the Wind of Winter Blows (Ruth Duck/Lori True) *Lisa Kyriakides & Janice Nolan*

****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

God, we give these gifts in gratitude for your blessing.
We give these gifts with hope, as we hunger and thirst for righteousness.
May our offerings of money, time, and talent be used
to comfort those who mourn, to extend mercy,
to make peace, to help us all more clearly see and live your presence in our lives and in our world. Amen.

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

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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 Rise Up, O Saints of God (Lani Smith)

Mission and Service
The Heart of Winter

In many places in February, winter persists with its short days and lingering cold. Everything seems to take a little more effort—getting out the door, checking in on one another, and finding energy when the season feels heavy.

This time of year can feel long. But it's also a reminder that care is deeply needed. Through Mission and Service, that care shows up in practical, meaningful ways.

Through your generosity, Mission and Service partners are a consistent presence in the middle of winter—whether there's snow or heat. Partners are supporting people facing food insecurity, displacement, isolation, and uncertainty.

Your support becomes warmth, stability, and care where it's needed now.

Hope in winter doesn't have to be dramatic. Sometimes it looks like consistency. Sometimes it looks like staying engaged in the face of enduring hardships.

Mission and Service partners respond to the needs of their communities with commitment and creativity—and your support is needed to give them the flexibility to do that work well.

Thank you for continuing to walk alongside Mission and Service partners. Your generosity makes a difference—steadily and when it matters most.

The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God **VU 382**

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God: so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

May the God of Hope Go with Us **VU 424**

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain: Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**