



Olds Pastoral Charge and
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Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

OPENING READING & RESPONSE "Come Unto Me" *Kneeling in Jerusalem*

Choral Introit - MV # 2 "Come All You People"

CALL TO WORSHIP

When our faith is lifted high
and we move firmly in your love,
you will be our God and we will be your people.
When the pilgrimage is long
and all our paths seem to lead to pain,
you will be our God and we will be your people.
When the way ahead is clear
and we are surrounded by faithful community
you will be our God and we will be your people.
When the young diminish in number
and the old grow feeble in mind and spirit
you will be our God and we will be your people.
Gather us, know us, teach us, lead us,
write your name on our hearts so always...
you will be our God and we will be your people.

HYMN VU # 3 "River"

OPENING PRAYER

**Welcoming God,
May our welcome to others
be as great as yours has been to us:
to those who are hungry, may we offer bread;
to those who are broken, may we offer healing;
to those who are lost, may we offer nourishment;
to those who are doubting, a new adventure.
Trusting in your redeeming love O God,
we humbly pray that this place be a place of grace
where what is offered is served to others.
Amen.**

HYMN MV # 145 "Draw the Circle Wide"

SCRIPTURE READING & REFLECTION

John 4:5-42 "The Right Bait?" or "High Noon at The Fishing Well"

HYMN VU # 600 "When I Needed a Neighbour "

Minute for Mission - "Your Generosity Accompanies Grandmothers"

<https://united-church.ca/stories/your-generosity-accompanies-grandmothers>

Presentation of the Offering & Offertory:

MV# 79 "Spirit Open my Heart"

**"Spirit, open my heart, to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart..."**

Dedication of the Offering

**All that we presently are, all that we yearn to be
we offer this day, O God.**

**Receive these gifts with our gratitude and praise
and may their use truly express our desire to be a people
of good heart and free spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven.

**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into
temptation,**

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

HYMN MV # 161 "I Have Called You by Your Name"

BLESSING

**We continue our journey, seeking truth and wisdom for the days ahead, knowing
that we are guided by God every step of the way.**

**Let us continue our search for truth, understanding , and wisdom as we
journey in faith, for we follow Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life
for us. Amen**

Amen.

HYMN VU # 298 "When You Walk from Here"

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.**

(repeat)