

The Church at Worship

* Invitation to stand or join as you are able * Congregational responses **BOLDED**



Prelude *Prelude No.1 in C major* BWV 846 Bach/Gounod

Welcome/Life of the Fellowship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit *I love you, Lord, Who Heard my Cry* Watts/Smallwood

Together, We Come to God

Call to Worship

Where shattered hearts are made whole,
where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death:
there, the stone has been rolled away.

Where the lonely find community,
where the frightened find peace,
where hope is renewed and restored,
there, we find Jesus walking.

The stone has been rolled away!
Jesus is our companion on the journey!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Alleluia! We are risen in Christ!

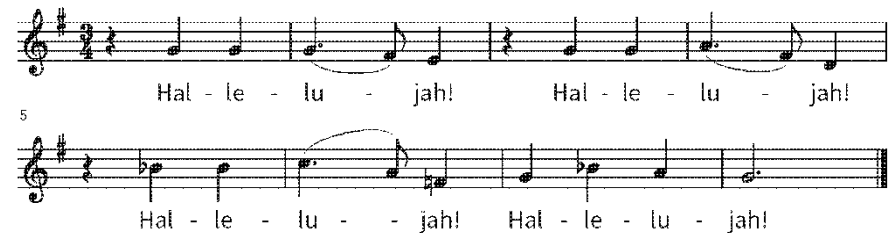
(Adapted from words written by Thom Shum)

* **Opening Hymn #407** *Praise, my soul the King of heaven*

* **Opening Prayer**

Elusive God, companion on the way,
you walk behind, beside, beyond; you catch us unawares.
Break through the disillusionment and despair
clouding our vision;
May we, with wide-eyed wonder,
find our way and journey on, as messengers of your good news.
Amen

* **Sung Response**



Words and music John Bell

God Speaks to Us

Scripture Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Musical Reflection *Lead, Kindly Light* Howard Goodall

Children's Time

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel Reading Luke 24: 13-35

Sermon *But we had hoped ...*

Preacher: Rev. Garry Blinch

We Respond to God

* **Hymn of Response # 262** *Come to us, beloved Stranger*

Blessing of the Offering

Pastoral Prayer

* **Closing Hymn #675** *Precious Lord, take my hand*

* **Benediction**

* **Sung Blessing** (next page)



Postlude *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. Bill Wolaver

NOTES

We are grateful to our volunteers without whom today's worship service would not be possible.

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THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

MacNeill Baptist Church acknowledges the traditional territory upon which we gather as a community of faith, that territory of the Anishinaabe and the Haudenosaunee peoples. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in peace, friendship, and respect. Acknowledging territory is a beginning and not an ending in terms of our work towards truth and reconciliation. We hope that this acknowledgement will be a springboard towards a deeper relationship with all Indigenous peoples we meet.

