

The Church at Worship

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

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Joshua Evanovich



Welcome/Life of the Fellowship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit *Dios esta aqui/God is Here Today*

Traditional Mexican song

Together, We Come to God

Call to Worship

O God, you gather us from wherever we are scattered:
from our cottages and lakes, our summer games and reading;
from the lure of drowsy days on porches;
from the pull of shopping and diversions.

You are more wise and powerful than all these.

Everywhere we turn you are there,
always calling us, always opening our hearts to praise you.

Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn #333** *I sing the almighty power of God*

***Opening Prayer**

Holy Searcher of Hearts, you know us through and through.
Yet you give us freedom to choose between good and evil,
life and death.

May your watchfulness over us never cease.
May your Spirit guide us through darkness toward your light.
May your right hand hold us fast.

In Christ you are our birthright and our blessing. In Christ
we know we are beloved, so that we may, in turn, bless the world.
All praise and thanksgiving we give to you, O Holy Love. Amen.

* Sung Response



God Speaks to Us

Scripture Reading **Hebrew Bible** Genesis 28:10-19a

***Hymn # 101** *You are before me, Lord* ((Psalm 139)

Musical Reflection *Open Your ears, O Faithful People*
(Torah Song) arr. Richard Proulx

Scripture Reading **Epistle** Romans 8:12-25

Children's Time

Bible Quest invitation (Hymn # 625 excerpt)
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu Alleluia

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon *Trusting God's Goodness* Rev. Paula Papky

We Respond to God

***Hymn of Response** #188 *Far across the burning desert*

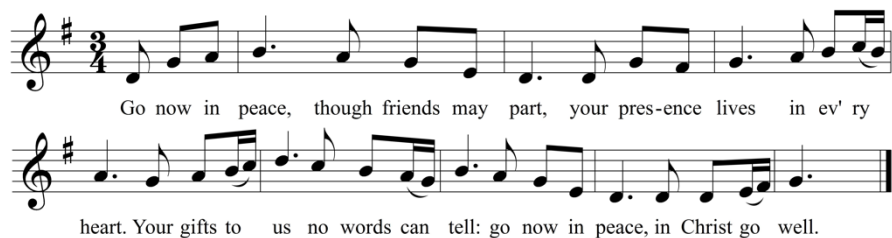
Blessing of the Offering

Pastoral Prayer

*** Closing Hymn** #502 *I, the Lord of sea and sky*

*** Benediction**

***Sung Blessing (next page)**



Postlude *The Solid Rock* arr. Bill Wolaver

NOTES

THANK YOU to all the people who offer, freely, their time and talent without whom today's worship service would not be possible.

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*The one who sows the good seed is the
Son of Man*

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.

