

The Church at Worship

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

Prelude *Allemande from the French Suite No. 4* J.S. Bach



Welcome/Life of the Fellowship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit *Morning Has Broken*

Together, We Come to God

Call to Worship

Holy God, Giver of all good gifts, we come together today to offer you our praise in song and prayer.

We praise you for the teachings of the prophets, for the law you revealed unto Moses, and for the grace and the love that is ours in Christ.

We thank you for the wisdom, peace, and joy, that you bestow upon us through your Spirit.

Help us to value both the old and the new and become worthy teachers of your kingdom. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** # 321 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

***Opening Prayer**

Creator God, you have hidden the strength and majesty of mighty trees in small containers and in tiny seeds.

We are in awe of your wisdom and work.

The impossible is all around us every day.

Open our eyes to see and be thrilled at what you have done and are doing.

You have hidden the treasure we seek in plain sight.

May we grow in our understanding of the treasure we have entered into, and know that we are the leaven changing the world – Amen.

*** Sung Response**



Let me taste your mer-cy like rain on my face; here in my life,
show me your peace. Let us see with our own eyes your
day break-ing bright. Come, O Morn-ing come. O Light!

God Speaks to Us

Scripture Reading **Hebrew Bible** 1 Kings 3:5-12

Musical Reflection **Psalm 128** *Blest are Those Who Love You*
Marty Haugen

Scripture Reading **Epistle** Romans 8:26-39

Children's Time

Bible Quest invitation # 625 vs 1

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 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon *The Impossible Kingdom* **Rev. Garry Blinch**

We Respond to God

***Hymn of Response** #674 *In the bulb there is a flower*

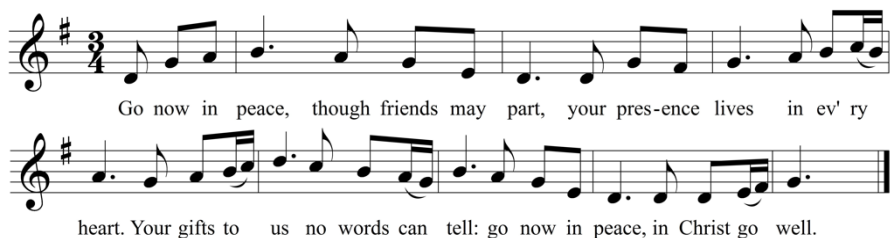
Blessing of the Offering

Pastoral Prayer

*** Closing Hymn** #685 *How firm a foundation*

*** Benediction**

*Sung Blessing



Postlude

Bunessan (Gaelic Melody)

Arr. L. Larson

NOTES

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

When you feel called to support your ministry as a volunteer, contact Susan St.John at sstjohn.macneill@gmail.com or 905-512-9897

Church Moderator: Jon Purdy

Director of Music: Monica Admiral - Guest Musician, Tim Boyd

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... neither death,
nor life,
nor angels,
nor rulers present,
nor things to come,
nor powers,
nor height,
nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the Love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:38-39



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.

