

The Church at Worship

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

Prelude *Song of the Pilgrim: On Wings of Song.* Mendelssohn

Welcome/Life of the Fellowship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit *Wildflowers Bloom and Fade, by Ruth Duck & John Bell*

Together, We Come to God

Call to Worship

God calls us to the quiet centre of our spirits.

We come to this place of worship to find a place of calmness in the storm that swirls around us.

God calls to our spirits to draw near and be nourished

We look into the depths of our souls to find the well-spring of the spirit.

God calls us to serve all people in God's name

We trust that the living Word will come encouraging and guiding our thoughts.

Let us worship God

***Hymn # 304** *We Praise You, Creator*

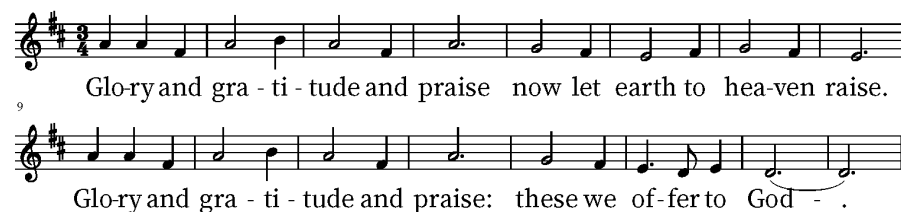
***Opening Prayer** – unison

God of the quiet centre, God the soul of life, we come to worship seeking to touch again the rock of ages on which we build our lives and anchor our being. The voice of Jesus speaks to each of us, questioning, challenging, calling for commitment, offering hope. We answer him today in our praise and prayer and in our resolve to

follow him more closely in our daily walk.

We worship and pray in his Name, Amen.

*** Sung Response**



God Speaks to Us

Scripture Reading **Hebrew Bible** Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Psalms 1

Musical Reflection *Singing, God Gives me a Melody*
by Harris Loewen

Scripture Reading **Epistle** 1 Thessalonians: Chapter 2:1-8

Children's Time Meet the Teacher

Bible Quest Invitation Hymn #496

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (x2)

***Gospel Reading** Matthew 22: 34 - 40

Sermon Hugging the Torah Rev. Bert Radford

We Respond to God

***Hymn of Response #715** Love the Lord your God

***Hymn of Dedication # 661** We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give thee but thine own, whate'er that gift may be

All that we have is thine alone, O Lord, from thee.

Blessing of the Offering

Pastoral Prayer

*** Closing Hymn #760** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

*** Benediction**

*Sung Blessing



1. Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. O God, I will tell the
2. Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. In you I will find the
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wonders of your ways, and glo - ri - fy your name - .
source of all my joy. Hal - le - lu - - - - jah!

Postlude *The Rejoicing, Music from the Royal Fireworks*
G.F. Handel

NOTES

THANK YOU to all the people who freely offer their time and talent, without
whom today's worship service would not be possible.
Special thanks to Rev. Bert Radford for joining us today.

When you feel called to support your ministry as a volunteer, contact Susan St. John at
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*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.*



