The Church at Worship

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

Prelude Long Time Ago

arr. Brad Nix



Welcome/Life of the Fellowship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit Kyrie Eleison trad. Russian Orthodox

A Time of Remembrance

Placing of the Wreath MacNeill's Lost Generation Silence

Dona Nobis Pacem

Together, We Come to God

Call to Worship

God of love, we gather with our hearts lit to meet you We turn our eyes to you and rejoice at your love and faithfulness Loving Christ, we gather to be part of your celebration We turn our eyes to you and celebrate your community of joy God of justice, we gather to reflect the radiance of your love We turn our eyes toward Christ and, waiting, let love shine in us in all we do.

*Opening Hymn #330 Oh God, our help in ages past

Opening Prayer

God of grace, purpose, and faithful love,

You are the source of our lives and of all possibilities.

We ask that our lives reflect the feast celebrating your Covenant with us.

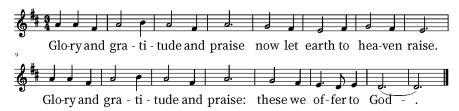
You call us to serve in your world

Help us to listen in trust and enter into your joy

Let our whole lives be your praise.

Speak to us so that we are inspired to celebrate with you In the name and nature of the only begotten, Christ. AMEN

* Sung Response



God Speaks to Us

Scripture Readings Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-17, 19-25 **Psalm 78:1-7 (INSERT)**

Musical Reflection arr. Hal Hopson Dona Nobis Pacem

Scripture Reading, Epistle 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Keep your oil handy Children's Time

Bible Quest invitation #496

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon While we wait Susan St.John

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response Let there be peace on earth (INSERT)

*Hymn of Dedication #661 vs 1

> We give thee but thine own, whate'er that gift may be All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, to thee.

Blessing of our Offering

Pastoral Prayer

#740 Make me a channel of your peace * Closing Hymn

Sung Benediction Go now in peace

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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.

NOTES

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

Go into the world with God's blessing and peace in your heart

When you feel called to support your ministry as a volunteer, contact Susan St.John at st.John at <a href="mailto

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