## The Church at Worship

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

**Prelude** Siciliano

J.S. Bach

Welcome/Life of the Fellowship

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** 

Introit Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies Keith Bissell

#### Together, We Come to God

#### **Call to Worship**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love;

as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins.

Crucified and risen Christ, you show us the way of life.

We hear you. We love you. We follow you.

Holy Spirit, you fill us with life, and call us to honour life.

We receive you. We breathe you. We bear you into the world.

So let us rejoice in God's gracious presence.

Touch our hearts and renew our creation.

Bible Quest invitation

\*Opening Hymn #422 Sing a New Song

\*Opening Prayer

God of grace, God of mercy, God of justice,

Your love transforms our lives.

You enter our confusion and give insight.

You bear our grief and bring healing.

You see our fatigue and renew strength.

You sense our fear and spark courage.

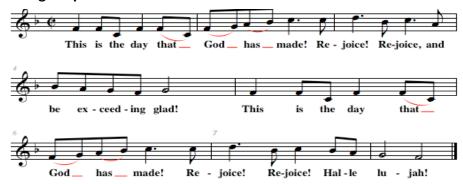
You know death and raise up new life.

Come to us with your liberating Word

Renew us in this time of worship, we pray,

so that we may serve you with joy in the name and nature of Christ Jesus. AMEN

\* Sung Response



#### God Speaks to Us

**Scripture Reading** Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

**Hymn #74** When Israel fled from Egypt land (**Psalm** 114)

**Musical Reflection** The Lord is my Light and my Salvation

Lillian Bouknight, arr. Stephen Key

**Scripture Reading Epistle** Romans 14:1-12

Children's Time River Ripples

Bible Quest Invitation Hymn #496

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

**Hebrew Bible Reading** Exodus 14:19-31

Sermon No One Steps in the Same River Twice

Dr. Mike Wood Daly

#### We Respond to God

\*Hymn of Response #566 O matchless beauty of our God Blessing of the Offering

**Pastoral Prayer** 

\* Closing Hymn #639 We are Marching /Siyahamba

\* Benediction

\*Sung Blessing (next page)



**Postlude** 

Peasant's Song

**Edward Grieg** 

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The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

Exodus 14:21b

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.