

The Church at Worship

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

Prelude *Fantasia on an Early American Tune,* arr. Joshua E Evanovich



Welcome/Life of the Fellowship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit *Amazing Grace,* arr. Charles Callahan

Together, We Come to God

Call to Worship

God of all creation, you shower us with new life each day.

You open the world around us and fill it with your love and purpose.

Creatures declare your praise, mountains declare your majesty

The ripened field, your generosity, the oceans your power

The skies your grandeur.

The tiny ants work with your persistence, God

We turn to you in gratitude and trust

Praise for you, God ... Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

***Opening Hymn # 802** *For the fruits of all creation* **Bible Quest Invitation**

***Opening Prayer**

Lord, we pray that our work honours your justice and mercy;

We pray that our relationships speak of your love and compassion.

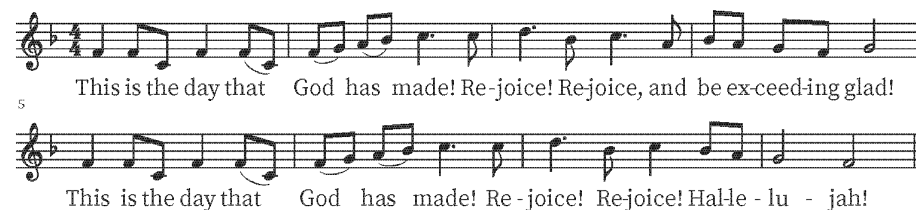
As you fed the Israelites, we ask that you feed us now with your word

Nourish us with your Spirit and delight us with the taste of your grace.

As we hear your scriptures and proclaim your word,

Lord, feed our hungry souls. AMEN

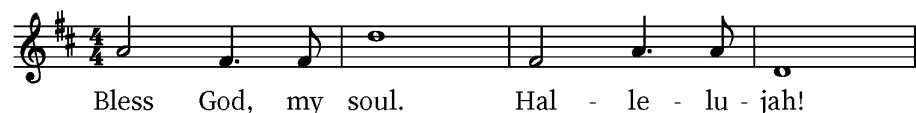
*** Sung Response**



God Speaks to Us

Scripture Reading Hebrew Bible Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6,37-45 (Sung response below)



Musical Reflection *Over my Head,* traditional spiritual, arr. Stephen Lee

Scripture Reading Epistle Philippians 1:21-30

Children's Time *God is for everybody*

Bible Quest Invitation Hymn #496

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon *The Kingdom of God is like ...* Susan St.John

We Respond to God

***Hymn of Response #753** *You walk along our shoreline*

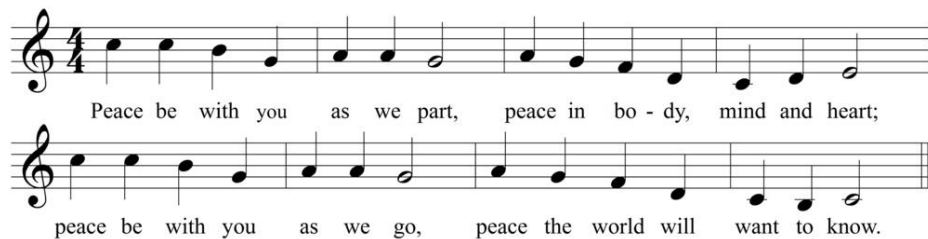
Blessing of the Offering

Pastoral Prayer

*** Closing Hymn #743** *Lead on, eternal Sovereign*

*** Benediction**

***Sung Blessing (next page)**



Postlude *Blessed Assurance,* arr. Jim Hammerly

NOTES

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without whom today's worship service would not be possible.**

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O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples. Sing to the Lord, sing praises to the Lord; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Psalm 105: 1-2

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.

