

The Church at Worship

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

Prelude *Prelude from the Victorian Kitchen Garden Suite,*
Paul Reade



Welcome/Life of the Fellowship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit *I Lift my Eyes Up* Brian Doerksen

Together, We Come to God

Call to Worship

God, you have heard the cries of your people.

You know the pain when people suffer injustice,

You have called us to help set free all who suffer,

You have invited us to take up our cross and love.

Give us courage to follow Jesus

And help us seek God's presence continually.

Through Jesus Christ.

***Opening Hymn** #291 *Those whose almighty word*

***Opening Prayer**

God of wisdom, you teach us with love,

you touch us with mercy,

you challenge us with truth.

We offer our worship today, seeking truth.

Send your Holy Spirit

to help us grasp your love, mercy and truth in the Scriptures as we

encounter your living Word. Amen

*** Sung Response**



God Speaks to Us

Scripture Reading **Hebrew Bible** Jeremiah 5:15-21
Psalms 26

Musical Reflection *O Rest in the Lord* Felix Mendelssohn

Scripture Reading **Epistle** Romans 12:9-21

Children's Time *God is with us*

Bible Quest invitation Hymn # 625 Seek ye first 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 16:21-28

Sermon *Taking up our cross* Susan St.John

We Respond to God

***Hymn of Response** #211 *Take up your cross*

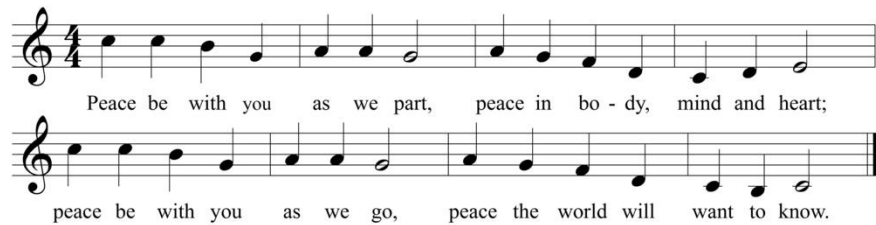
Blessing of the Offering

Pastoral Prayer

*** Closing Hymn** #741 *Like a mighty river flowing*

*** Benediction**

***Sung Blessing**



Postlude Carol, from Five Bagatelles

Gerald Finzi

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 Soloist: Christine Admiral

Minister of Worship & Pastoral Care: Susan St. John

Custodian: Sandy Palin

Associate Ministers in Chaplaincy: Robert Bond, Felida Toledo, Claire Gosselin, David Jones

MACNEILL BAPTIST CHURCH

There's a Place for you Here

1145 King Street West, Hamilton ON L8S 1L9

www.macneillbaptist.ca Ph: 905-528-2861

email: contact@macneillbaptist.ca

September 3, 2023



Then Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16: 24

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.

