The Church at Worship

* Invitation to stand if able

Congregational responses are **BOLDED**

Prelude When Morning Guilds the Skies

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome/Life of the Fellowship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit Lord you have Searched Me

Traditional

Together, We Come to God

Call to Worship

The Holy One calls us. Do we hear?

Sometimes, when the chaos of the world is quiet, and we attune to listen.

Beneath the noise of this world God calls us. How do we respond? We come to worship, seeking to hear, understand, and answer God's call.

May we listen with our hearts and see with the eyes of our souls **We are here God. Speak to us for we are listening.**

*Hymn # 176 Songs of thankfulness and praise, vs 1,2,4,5

* Prayer of Approach

Holy God,

Creator of the universe so full of wonder,

You loved us before we were born,

And know us even better than we know ourselves.

Your presence never leaves us.

Help us to pause and reflect on your glory and unending grace.

May we recognize your voice in our midst

Calling to us through word, music and silence.

And in the stillness may we, like Samuel,

Listen for your voice speaking to us.

Amen

* Sung Response



God Speaks to Us

Scripture Readings HEBREW BIBLE 1 Samuel 3: 1-20

Psalm 139: 1-6 & 13-18

Musical Reflection Jesus Christ the Apple Tree Elizabeth Poston

Children's Time Hey, hey, anybody listening?

Bible Quest Invitation



* Gospel Reading John 1: 43-51

Sermon Deep Listening Jennifer Nettleton

We Respond to God

* **Hymn** # **442** Speak Lord in the Stillness

* Dedication Hymn # 172, vs 3

As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Blessing of the Offering

Pastoral Prayer

* Closing Hymn # 592 I, the Lord of sea and sky

- * Benediction
- * Sung Blessing

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Postlude Prelude in G No 15, WTC

J. S. Bach

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

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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.