

# The Church at Worship

\* Invitation to stand if able      Congregational responses are **BOLDED**

**Prelude**    *Meditation on "Here I am, Lord"*      *Monica Admiral*



**Welcome/Life of the Fellowship**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Introit**    *Christe, lux mundi*

*Taizé*

## ***Together, We Come to God***

### **Call to Worship**

Acclaim the Lord, all people on earth, worship the Lord in gladness;  
enter his presence with songs of praise, know that the Lord is God.

**For he has made us and we are his own,  
the flock whom he shepherds, and guards from all harm.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise,  
Give thanks to him and bless his name;

**For the Lord is good and his love everlasting,  
His constancy endures to all generations.**

\* **Hymn # 175**    *Brightest and best are the stars of the morning*

### \* **Prayer of Approach**

Gracious God, in whom there is no beginning or end,  
grant now your presence in this place.

**That we may hear your voice, amidst the distractions of this world,  
calling our attention elsewhere.**

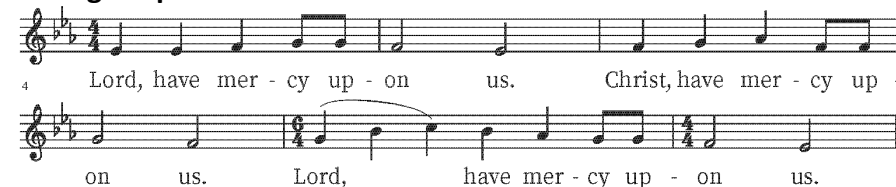
Clear our minds and calm our spirits, speak to us in the stillness of  
our hearts.

**That your Spirit may move among us, prompting awareness of  
things unseen, in the depths of our souls.**

Inviting us to recognize that which is, and that which yet can be.

**For we ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, who calls us to life  
in all its fullness, as followers of the Way. AMEN.**

### \* **Sung Response**



## ***God Speaks to Us***

**Scripture Readings**    **HEBREW BIBLE**    **Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

**Psalms 62: 5-12**

**Musical Reflection**    *In Silence My Soul Thirsts*      *Sheldon W. Sorge*

**Epistle Reading**      **1 Corinthians 7: 29-31**

**Children's Time**      Plan B

### **Bible Quest Invitation**



\* **Gospel Reading**    **Mark 1: 14-20**

**Sermon**      *If I But Call Your Name*      *Rev. David Jones*

## ***We Respond to God***

\* **Hymn # 634**      *Will you come and follow me?*

\* **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.

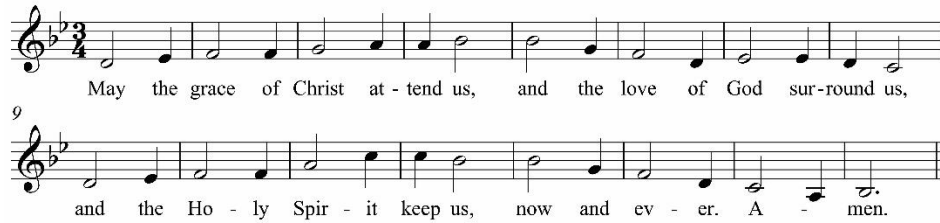
### **Blessing of the Offering**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

\* Closing Hymn # 461 *Be thou my vision*

\* Benediction

\* Sung Blessing



**Postlude** *Trumpet Voluntary*

*John Stanley*

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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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**Third Sunday in Epiphany**



*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.*

