

St. John's United Church
January 29th, 2023
4th After Epiphany
Worship Leader – Rev. Charles Reid

OPENING HYMN VU # 642 Be Thou My Vision

WELCOME

Greetings, welcoming newcomers, announcements, prayer concerns and celebrations.

We are looking for more choir members and musicians if anyone is interested in joining.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Lord may your everlasting light shine upon our beloved earth. May our daily lives shine as Jesus shines, and keep us from eternal darkness. AMEN

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*Please rise*)

Officiate: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, come! Gather around deep insight. Feed on words of unusual wisdom, seeing before us an unfolding vision of a renewed and just world as close and real as are breathing.

Come! Jesus, our teacher, healer, leader, and friend, invites our good and attentive company. Our time together will be blessed.

Amen

OPENING PRAYER

Open to your spirit and alive to Christ, who was, who is, and who comes, we gather in Thanksgiving, O God. We offer you our adoration, our acclaim, and our very lives as we sing.

Amen.

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This Week: January 29th, 2023

Worship Leader: Rev. Charles Reid

Greeters: Joyce Drapaka & Gladys Foster

Scripture: Roger Antoniuk

Fellowship: Olive Martin & Doris Ulanicki

Next Week: February 5th, 2023

Worship Leader: Rev. Charles Reid

Greeters: Jean Antoniuk & Sharon Hebert

Scripture: Judy Inman

Fellowship: Bob & Gloria Tomm

SERMON**WE BELIEVE**

We believe that the Lord God of heaven and earth is the creator of all universe. We believe that we are created in the image of God. We believe that he sent his only Son to save us and wash us of our sins, to die for us on the cross. We believe that he was resurrected from the grave on the third day. We believe that he ascended to the throne of heaven. We believe in the Holy Spirit as our guide and comforter. We believe that Jesus the son of God will once again come to rule the world.

We believe because we are God`s children and Christians in the Church of Jesus. Amen

OFFERING HYMN: VU # 537 Your Work O God

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God`s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil..

And so we give what we can as the poor widow gave, that others may have an abundant life. AMEN

HYMN VU # 651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Lord, we thank you for allowing us the privilege of praising you and serving you with faith, hope and love and may we continue our service to you as we live day by day. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Go Now In Peace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have heard it said:

It`s just common sense. Self-protection at all costs. Conquer or be conquered. Charity always begins at home;
And we often believe without thinking.

Silence

We have heard it said:

Of course, our culture is superior. Warheads make for peace and security. Wealth will buy happiness. Celebrities are role models;

And we often believe without thinking

Silence

We have heard it said:

Nothing can be done to change that. The poor will always be with us. I am not my brothers or sisters keeper.

Tears are for women and children;

And we often believe without thinking.

Silence

God of surprises and non-convention, grace us with a vulnerability and openness to hear the wise and lyrical voice of Jesus anew.

May our way of seeing, thinking, acting, and responding be changed in light of Jesus` great love of us and the world of your making. Amen

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Dear children of God, God is listening.

God has heard your prayer and wishes you peace.

God forgive`s you and loves you.

This is the good news. Amen

PRAYERS OF GOD`S CHILDREN

Now I lay me down to sleep, my soul at rest for God to keep.

And when I awake to a brand new day, the path of My Jesus, I will walk today. Amen

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God of all goodness, by glimpsing something of your vision of a just and merciful world, we become acutely aware of how much inhumanity and suffering still exists in the world. It would overwhelm us if it were not for the tender beauty and hope that arises each new morning and shimmers from the heavens at night. And so from graced places of gratitude and wonder we pray:

Together, may we see and find another way.

For people staggering under the weight of poverty, violence, and loss,

Together, may we see and find another way.

For nations staggering under the weight of pride and a need to impose their will,

Together, may we see and find another way.

Omnipotent God, honour the desires in our hearts, that they made flourish within us, the people of grace and compassion we seek to be.

Amen

HYMN VU # 337 Blessed Assurance

Hear us O lord as we pray for those on our prayer list, that we may not think of ourselves, but put our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, first and foremost. We odd time forget the needs of others as we think only of ourselves. Jesus taught us to love with compassion and understanding. In his name we pray.

PRAYER LIST**OUR PETITION TO YOU LORD**

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage. In the name of Jesus we pray. AMEN

LORD'S PRAYER**SCRIPTURE READING**

Micah 6:1-8

The words of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 15

Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord?

Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?

Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts.

Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbors or speak evil of their friends.

Those who despise flagrant sinners, and honor the faithful followers of the Lord, and keep their promises even when it hurts.

Those who lend money without charging interest, and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent.

Such people will stand firm forever.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

AMEN

The word of the lord

Thanks be to God

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The words of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CHOIR ANTHEM

Morning has Broken

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

The words of the Lord

Thanks be to God