

## Order of Worship for February 5, 2023

### Gathering Music *AGNUS DEI*

Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns, Alleluia.

[refrain]

Holy, Holy, are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.

You are Holy, Holy are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, Amen. (repeat all) (refrain)

### Welcome

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

### Call To Worship

*Liturgist*

L. Holy God, we have come here this morning to be in your presence.

**C. We gather in your name to worship and praise you**

L. May this first day of the week

**C: be only one of many days in which we sing your praises and worship you.**

**Hymn**      *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

GTG #1

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of  
sinfulness Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee perfect in power, in love, and  
purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy  
Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed  
Trinity!

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

#### **Call to Confession**

*Liturgist*

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of  
reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our  
Lord, let us make our confession.

**Prayer of Confession** - (from *The Worship Sourcebook*, ©2004, Faith Alive Christian  
Resources)

**God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our  
covenant with you and with one another.**

**We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.**

**We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and  
your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,  
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.**

**Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our  
covenant with you and one another.**

**Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness**

*Rev Barbara Macfie*

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and remission of your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.

## **HEARING THE WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

*Liturgist*

Before reading from the Bible, we seek the illumination of the Holy Spirit and call upon God to make us receptive to the life-giving Word that comes to us through both the reading and proclamation of Scripture. *Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.*

### **A Reading From Psalm 112**

*Liturgist*

Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands. Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor. The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

**A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 5: 13-20**

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“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore, anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Sermon**

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

*“If Our Words Mean Something To Us,  
Then Our Lives Will Reflect Them”*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Affirmation of Faith** – *(A New Creed, United Church of Canada,* *Rev. Barbara Macfie*

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**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, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. (<http://www.united-church.ca/beliefs/creed>)**

### **Invitation To The Offertory**

*Liturgist*

There are many signs we claim for our faith but ultimately it is our active love that reveals who we worship. During the time of offering we are called to commit - our time, talents, and material possessions to the Church with the expectation that they be used to further God's plan for our world.

### **Offertory**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered around.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered around.**

## Doxology

GTG #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Offertory Prayer

*Liturgist*

God of all creation, the offering we bring to you this day is the fruit of our labors; and we want to bring you the best we have. Nothing comes from us alone but starts in your goodness; and many have contributed to every good gift we bring. Working together, generous God, we pray that our gifts might be used to bless others who hunger for connection with you. We pray in the name of Christ, our savior and redeemer. Amen

## Communion

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

### Invitation to the Table

### Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*And also with you.*

*We lift them to the Lord our God*

*It is right to give our thanks and  
praise.*

## Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

## Breaking of the Bread and pouring of the Cup

## Prayer After Communion

### Hymn

*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*

GTG #753

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love.

Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

### Benediction

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

### Postlude

*Steve Johnson*