

**St. Mark's United Church
Cannifton, Ontario
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GATHERING

Prelude

COMMUNITY NEWS

CANDLE LIGHTING

Welcome in the name of the Christ.

Welcome to this place of worship, by the river called Sagonaska by generations of Indigenous people.

We give thanks for its waters.

For five weeks, we contemplated God's promise of abundance for all, remembering with gratitude our many blessings, and recommitting ourselves to sharing all that we have and all that we are with the world that God so loves.

We light this candle to shine a light of hope for all to see. We trust that the light of Christ is present with us in this place and shines brightly in our lives and in our community.

Centering Hymn # 236 VU (SEATED) "Now Thank We All Our God"

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart,
and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,

in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and celebrate God's presence!

We come to celebrate our journey together.

Come and celebrate this community of saints!

**We celebrate with all communities of saints down through the ages,
from generation to generation.**

You have blessed your church, O God.

We give you thanks and praise your holy name.

Come, let us worship God!

† Hymn # 710 VU (STAND) "Shall We Gather at the River"

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God?

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

2 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. **R**

3 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. **R**

APPROACHING GOD THROUGH PRAYER

R. McNally

† Hymn # 705 VU (STAND)

“For All the Saints”

- 1 For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 4 The gold evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 5 But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
as God to glory calls them all away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Revelations 21: 1 – 6

Read by: Alexandra Reid

John 11: 32 – 44

Read by: Rev. Ryan McNally

MESSAGE

RESPONSE

PRAYER OF THANKS AND CONCERN

Call: With gratitude and with all the saints, we pray...

Response: Gracious God, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

† Hymn 713 VU

“I See a New Heaven”

I see a new heaven.

I see a new earth

As the old one will pass away,

where the fountain of life flows

and without price goes

to all people who abide in the land.

1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
Yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. **R**

2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. **R**

- 3 There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. R
- 4 There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land.
I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
As the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

GIFTS IN ACTION

“Country Market”

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, we offer these gifts so that the mission of ministry of your church might be sustained and strengthened, bringing hope and joy into the lives of our neighbours around the world and here at home. Amen.

BLESSING

† Hymn # “When the Saints Go Marching In”

**O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.**

- 1 O when the sun refused to shine,
O when the sun refused to shine,
O Lord, I want to be in that number

When the saints go marching in. **R**

0 O when they crown him Lord of all,
O when they crown him Lord of all,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in. **R**

BENEDICTION

We are not alone; we live in God's world.
Therefore...

**May we trust deeply in our Creating God,
and live with respect in Creation.
May we love ourselves and others,
share generously all that we have,
seek justice,
resist evil,
and boldly proclaim with all the saints
that Jesus, crucified and risen,
is our light, our judge, and our hope. Amen.**

Postlude

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