

**St. Mark's United Church
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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.

Welcome, you who are weary and in need of blessing.

God will meet you here.

Welcome, you who wonder what the point of all this is.

God will meet you here.

Welcome, you who rejoice at the abundance given.

God will meet you here! Amen.

By lighting this candle, we remember who we are and whose we are in Christ, and we rejoice. Amen.

Centering Hymn # 262 VU (SEATED) "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;

our helper sure amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
for still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
with power and malice great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth he has no equal.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you delivered your people and gave them liberty.
And now, God, do it again!

You gave food to the hungry and sight to the blind.
And now, God, do it again!

You blessed all creatures of the Earth and declared your creation good.
And now, God, do it again!

As we join in worship this morning,
remind us of the rain that comes after the drought to fill our lives with blessing.

Come, let us worship God, giving thanks for the abundance of our lives.

† **Hymn # 145 MV (STAND) “Draw the Circle Wide”**

**Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song,
no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.**

1 God the still-point of the circle,
‘round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God’s gracious arms. **R**

2 Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **R**

3 Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **R**

APPROACHING GOD THROUGH PRAYER

R. McNally

† Hymn # 371 VU (STAND)

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Responsive Psalm # 34

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Led by: Mary Milligan

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.

I will bless God at all times,
God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

My soul will glory in God, the humble will hear and be glad.

O magnify God with me, let us exalt God's name together.

**I sought God, who answered me,
and freed me from all my fears.**

Look to the Most High, and let your light shine,
and your faces will not be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried out and God heard,
and saved me from all my troubles. R**

Your angel, O God, keeps guard over those who fear you and delivers them.

Taste and see that our God is good.

Happy are those who take refuge in God.

Fear God, you who are the saints,
for those who fear God lack nothing.

**Strong lions suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek God lack no good thing. R**

Come, my children, and listen to me,
I will teach you the fear of God.

**Which of you delights in life,
and desires many days to enjoy prosperity?**

Keep your tongues from evil, your lips from speaking lies.

Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.

God's eyes are upon the righteous,

God's ears open to their cry.

God's face is set against evil-doers,
to blot out their remembrance from the earth.

**The righteous cry out and God hears them,
and rescues them from all their troubles. R**

God is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but God sets them free from every sorrow.**

God guards every bone in their body;
not one of them will be broken.

**Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

But you, God, redeem the life of your servants;
none who take refuge in you are condemned. R

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.

Mark 10: 46 – 52

MESSAGE

“Ready to Respond”

RESPONSE

PRAYER OF THANKS AND CONCERN

LORD'S PRAYER

† Hymn 326 VU

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.

- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.
- 3 He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
- 4 Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame for joy!
- 5 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

GIFTS IN ACTION

**“Millions of Canadians Face Hunger This Thanksgiving”
Video**

OFFERING PRAYER

Thank you, God, for these gifts, symbols of abundance and a means of sharing generously all that we have. May this offering bless the ministry of this community of faith and our Mission & Service partners all over the world. Amen.

† Hymn # 209 MV (STAND) “Go, Make a Diff’rence”

**Go make a diff’rence.
We can make a diff’rence.
Go make a diff’rence in the world.**

**Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

1 We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. **R**

2 We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. **R**

3 So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
**Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
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BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

Postlude

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