

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: We come searching,

All: for the Light of all life.

One: We come seeking,

All: for the water of God's Grace.

One: We come exploring,

All: the unending expanse of Christ's Love.

One: We come yearning,

All: for the guidance of the Spirit.

One: We come listening,

All: for the words our hearts long to hear, "You are my child, the beloved; with you I am well pleased".

***Hymn:** "I Am the Light of the World" **VU#87**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, today as we gather for worship, we give thanks for Your continued invitation to meet You in the waters of baptism. There, we are refreshed and renewed, experiencing the unending gift of Your grace. Today, as Jesus joins the crowds gathered along the banks of the Jordan, inspire us to follow in his wake, experiencing anew the gift of Your Spirit: calling, welcoming, and embracing each of us as Your beloved children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayer: "Don't Be Afraid" X 2 **MV#90**
(*Concluding with The Lord's Prayer*)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Your Light, dear God, has come to us so that we may know we're Yours. This light that guides us through our lives, continues to endure. Your voice calls us beloved, as children of Your Grace. We pray that You would rest with us, enfolded by Your embrace. Amen.

***Hymn:** "I Have Called You by Your Name" **MV#161**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination:

Reader: Karen H.

Scripture Lesson:

Old Testament: Isaiah 43: 1-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Response:

One: This is God's Word for our lives,

All: **light for our living,
and love for our hearts. Amen.**

Sermon "You are Wanted, You are Loved, and You Belong"

Anthem "Under One Shining Star"

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "A Little Child the Saviour Came" **VU#445**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

***Sung Dedication:**

"In Gratitude and Humble Trust"

VU#544

***Offertory Prayer:** (*unison*)

Holy One, in baptism You claim us as Your own. As visible symbols of Your enduring love, we are called to care for the world You cherish. We offer these gifts as symbols of that care, praying that they will enable Your voice to reach both our lives and the lives of those who least expect to hear You. Transform us through our giving. In the name of Jesus, Your beloved Son we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

VU#567

***Blessing:** (*unison*)

**May the Love of God pursue you,
The Light of Christ enfold you,
And the Holy Spirit keep you;
This day and forevermore.
Amen.**

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** "Go Now In Peace"

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: Jan 12 Ellen & David Jan 19 Howard & John
Screens: Jan 12 Erik Jan 19 Tracy Jan 26 Kevin

This Week's Calendar

Tues	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	11:30am	UCW Meeting	Boardroom
	6:30pm	Women Unite Book Club	Boardroom
Wed	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Thurs	12:00pm	Lunch with Friends	Church Hall
Sun	10:30am	Kids Korner	Church Hall

*Tai Chi with Val is offered Mon, Wed & Fri

Scouts, Embers, Rumi After School Learning Centre, Church of Pentecost and other groups use the church spaces during the week

Announcements:

Lunch with Friends: Thurs, Jan 16 @ noon. **Cost:** \$7 payable at the lunch. **Menu:** potato & bacon soup, plus dessert, coffee/tea. **Program:** presentation on "Nursing Homes Without Walls". Sign up by Jan. 13th!

Women Unite Book Club: Jan 14th @ 6:30pm. All women are invited to attend this get together and to discuss "The Women".

UCW Meeting: Jan 14th at 11:30am in the boardroom. See you there!