

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

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## **WELCOME AND CALL TO THE GATHERED**

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND**

### **HYMN: MV#145 "Draw the Circle Wide"**

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

1. God the stillpoint of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. **Refrain:**
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. **Refrain:**
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. **Refrain:**

**OPENING PRAYER:** read by Bob MacKinnon

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:** As we light this Christ candle may it remind us that God is in us and in our world.

### **SUNG RESPONSE: MV#21 "Open Our Hearts"**

Open our hearts. Open our minds. Open our lives to you O loving God. Open our hearts.

## **THEME CONVERSATION:**

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 4: 14 - 30

### **HYMN: VU#479 "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether"**

1. Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name  
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Touch we now your garment's hem.
2. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Giver break the bread and bless the cup.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! So now bind our friendship up.
3. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,  
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! In our service faith renew.

## **SERMON:**

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS and SPECIAL MUSIC:** United in Christ

### **SUNG RESPONSE: MV#136 "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace" (verses 1, 5)**

1. When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty of a loved one's face,  
we thank you, God, that love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.
5. Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise.  
When all are joined as one, we'll be your able, strong community.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER** read by Bob MacKinnon

**CLOSING HYMN: VU#660 "How Firm a Foundation"**

1. How firm a foundation, you servants of God, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you has been said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed! For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
3. When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
4. When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply:  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.
5. The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not – I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never – no, never – no, never forsake!"

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION: "Go In Love"**

Go in love; have no fear. God will guide you, God is always near. Go in love; take God's hand.  
God will hear you, God will understand. May God's light forever shine upon you; may God's peace be  
always in your heart. Go in love; face each day. God will lead you, God will show the way.  
Go in love and live in faith. Amen.

**POSTLUDE:**