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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

* *Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Call to Worship:

Welcome to all who are weary, tired, or burned-out.

We come to be refreshed and renewed in God's presence.

Welcome all who are anxious, worried, or burdened.

We come to be calmed and comforted by the Spirit.

Welcome to all who feel complacent, comfortable, or detached.

We come to be stirred by Christ's message for us.

All are welcome here. Come as you are.

**Together, we will rest in God's presence,
be calmed by the Spirit, and be stirred by Christ's message.**

Together we will welcome one another as we gather for worship

***Hymn:** God We Praise you for the Morning

VU 415

Opening Prayer: (unison)

Christ, you hold us in your warm embrace.

**You already welcome each of us exactly as we are,
and you hold us close to you.**

**Your embrace gathers all of us into a community
that you have created.**

And yet, in your community, there is always room for more.

You teach us to welcome one another.

**We are thankful that with you, each of us has a place,
and each one of us can find a welcome home. Amen.**

Prayer for Inner Healing: (unison)

**God, even though you have taught us what it means to welcome,
and you have shown us a beautiful and beloved community where
there is room for all, sometimes we create our own closed
communities. Sometimes, we exclude others because of who they
are, or what they believe. Sometimes, we think that our way is a**

better way than other ways. Sometimes, we don't want to find things in common with, or love, others who are different from us. Sometimes, we become so comfortable in our lives, that we don't want to be uncomfortable by welcoming people who are beyond our doors. Sometimes, we do not welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Forgive us, dear God. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Hear the good news - God is with us, God is always with us. We are forgiven people. We are given new opportunities to become more Christ-like each day.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Chorus: I Praise You, O God MV 61

**I praise you, O God, with all of my heart.
With all the earth I will sing your praises.
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With all the earth I will sing your praises.**

Theme Conversation: O Canada

Hymn: O Canada VU 524

Ministry of Music: The Light of Love Scott Kearns

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:12-23 (Paul describes what leads to freedom)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 13 VU 734 (My trust is in God)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:40-42 (Welcoming ways)

Message: Well, come!

Hymn: Let Us Build a House (All are Welcome) MV 1

Offering:

Offering Hymn: What Can I Do? MV 191

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (Repeat)**

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

Wonderful Creator, you welcome us again and again. You never stop saying to us "Well come" and now we come with our gifts and offerings. Take these tokens of our appreciation for all we have been blessed with in this bountiful country and use them where they are needed most. Amen.

Prayer Prelude: Mother and God VU 280

**Mother and God, to you we sing;
wide is your womb, warm is your wing.
In you we live, move and are fed
sweet, flowing milk, life giving bread.
Mother and God, to you we bring
all broken hearts, all broken wings.**

Prayers of the People:

Prayer of Jesus:

***Hymn:** Faith of Our Fathers VU 580

***Blessing/Sending Forth**

Go into the world with gratitude in your hearts for the many blessings and privileges you enjoy in this great country we call Canada.

Go knowing that God goes with you and loves you always.

Go to meet the Christ as he says- "Well, come and follow me."
Amen.

***Parting Song:** Dance With the Spirit MV 156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

Prayer of the Week:

Loving God, you graciously welcome and love each of us exactly as we are, and you model how we should be with each other. May you be patient with us and help us, as we seek to understand what your true welcome and your hospitality really mean for how we should be in our communities. Amen.

Postlude