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** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Marion Loree

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality and culture of the Indigenous peoples with whom Treaty 4 - also known as the Haldimand Tract - was signed and the territory wherein our church resides, and we acknowledge our responsibilities as treaty members.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Call to worship:

The warming rays of the summer sun,

reflect the warmth of God's love for us.

The crops growing; strengthening and maturing,

reflect our growth in faith

from one season of life to the next.

The cool rippling waters of a lake,

reflect for us God's cleansing and renewing power.

The laughter of families and friends

gathered to enjoy food and friendship together.

reflect the joy and thankfulness of God's own people

gathering together for worship.

Come, let us reflect God's love as we worship together.

***Hymn: God is Here VU 389**

Opening Prayer:

Great Mystery, may we make time and space
in our lives of busyness to feel your presence.

**May we feel your presence in this time and space
and ourselves within it;**

listening for your wisdom,
feeling your hand hold our very being,
may we know your love surrounds each moment.

We take a moment to confess the times
when we are too busy for you, for one another, and for ourselves.

**Forgive us and open our hearts
to your presence in our lives.**

When we are too busy to stop and help one another,
or laugh with another, or simply notice one another.

**Forgive us and open our hearts
to your presence in our lives.**

When life becomes overwhelming,
and we do not even take time for our own needs.

**Forgive us and open our hearts
to your presence in our lives.**

Help us to listen to your voice within our hearts calling -
Calling us back to centre our lives in you. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Words to Ponder: (by Sri Daya Mata - *Enter the Quiet Heart*)

In the midst of intense activity, when half a dozen problems are demanding your attention simultaneously, it is a real challenge to be able suddenly to stop what you are doing and think, "My beloved God, are You still with me?" When your silent call to God reveals God's comforting presence, then you know you are progressing spiritually.

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-20 (The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition)
(Paul puts Christ at the centre of everything)

Christ is the image of the unseen God and the firstborn of all creation, for in Christ were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through Christ and for Christ.

Before anything was created, Christ existed, and all things hold together in Christ. The church is the body; Christ is its head. Christ is the Beginning, the firstborn from the dead, and so Christ is first in every way. God wanted all perfection to be found in Christ, and all things to be reconciled to God through Christ - everything in heaven and everything on earth - when Christ made peace by dying on the cross.

Reflection: First Things First

Hymn: Open My Eyes That I May See **VU 371**

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42 (The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition)
(Jesus visits Mary and Martha)

As they traveled, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him to her home. She had a sister name Mary, who seated herself at Jesus' feet and listened to his words.

Martha, who was busy with all the details of hospitality, came to Jesus and said, "Rabbi, don't you care that my sister has left me all alone to do the house hold tasks? Tell her to help me!"

Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha! You're anxious and upset about so many things, but only a few things are necessary - really only one. Mary has chosen the better part, and she won't be deprived of it."

Reflection: The Miracle of Mindfulness

Hymn: In the Quite Curve of Evening **VU 278**

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:**

Source of Life, we bring the fruits of the earth, the work of our hands, and the gifts of our hearts. And with them, we bring a yearning for justice, a passion for good, and a commitment to love. May our words, our works and our gifts declare your goodness, we pray. Amen.

Joys and Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: Send Your Holy Spirit **VU 370**

**Send your Holy spirit
on your gathered people,
merciful and loving God,
hear us, as we pray.**

(Repeat)

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn:** O World of God **VU 258**

***Blessing:**

May the presence of Spirit be a strength in you -
calling you, holding you, shaping you.
And may you find your home close to God,
always with an ear to the world waiting for your return.
Go from this place in peace

We go to the place where God asks us to serve this week.

And may the blessings of God,
our host and our guest
bless you in all tasks that are yours.

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.**

(Repeat)

Postlude:

Prayer of the Week:

God of all wisdom, grant us courage and clarity of purpose as we seek to follow your way. We live in thankfulness, for the Spirit of Christ, that holds all things together. Amen.

Partners in Prayer: Elora Canadian Reformed Church

Western Ontario Waterways: Alma United Church

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

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