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*\* Congregation please stand as you are able.*

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today: Noreen Ueberer

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.

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Sharing the Light**

**Prelude/Centering Time**

**Call to worship:**

We are summoned here by our Holy God,

**who calls us each by name,**

**and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.**

From classroom and kitchen and carpool,

**We are called into God's presence.**

Young and old and middle-aged,

individuals and families,

soft-spoken and outspoken,

**we hear our names being called to join in worship.**

This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people:

**unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts.**

**Let us worship together.**

**Opening Prayer:**

**O God, where hearts are fearful and confined, grant freedom and daring;**

**where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance;**

**where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance;**

**where distrust reshapes every understanding, grant healing and transformation;**

where spirits are daunted and dimmed, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** Come Touch Our Hearts vs 1-4 **MV 12**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.**

**But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete.**

**Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.**

**In you tender love, forgive.**

*(We reflect silently on those places in our lives where we need God's light)*

**Words of Assurance:**

Listen! I have something to say!

Our past is behind us.

We are free to live new lives, be new people, to try again to be who God intends us to be.

Rejoice! I say again, rejoice!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**A Time for the Young and Young at Heart:**

“Have fun and lend a helping hand”

**Hymn:** Jesus Calls Us **VU 562**

**Hebrew Scriptures:** Ecclesiastes 1:2-14 (reading from The Message translation)

<sup>1</sup> These are the words of the Quester, David's son and king in Jerusalem

<sup>2-11</sup> Smoke, nothing but smoke. [That's what the Quester says.]

There's nothing to anything—it's all smoke.

What's there to show for a lifetime of work,  
a lifetime of working your fingers to the bone?

One generation goes its way, the next one arrives,  
but nothing changes—it's business as usual for old planet earth.

The sun comes up and the sun goes down,  
then does it again, and again—the same old round.

The wind blows south, the wind blows north.

Around and around and around it blows,  
blowing this way, then that—the whirling, erratic wind.  
All the rivers flow into the sea, but the sea never fills up.  
The rivers keep flowing to the same old place,  
and then start all over and do it again.  
Everything's boring, utterly boring—  
no one can find any meaning in it.  
Boring to the eye, boring to the ear.  
What was will be again, what happened will happen again.  
There's nothing new on this earth.  
Year after year it's the same old thing.  
Does someone call out, "Hey, *this* is new"?  
Don't get excited—it's the same old story.  
Nobody remembers what happened yesterday.  
And the things that will happen tomorrow?  
Nobody'll remember them either.  
Don't count on being remembered.

### **I've Seen It All**

<sup>12-14</sup> Call me "the Quester." I've been king over Israel in Jerusalem. I looked most carefully into everything, searched out all that is done on this earth. And let me tell you, there's not much to write home about. God hasn't made it easy for us. I've seen it all and it's nothing but smoke—smoke, and spitting into the wind.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 12:13-21 (reading from The Message)

"The Story of the Greedy Farmer"

<sup>13</sup> Someone out of the crowd said, "Teacher, order my brother to give me a fair share of the family inheritance."

<sup>14</sup> He replied, "Mister, what makes you think it's any of my business to be a judge or mediator for you?"

<sup>15</sup> Speaking to the people, he went on, "Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot."

<sup>16-19</sup> Then he told them this story: "The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: 'What can I do? My barn isn't big enough for this harvest.' Then he said, 'Here's what I'll do: I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll gather in all my grain and goods, and I'll say to myself, Self, you've done well!'"

You've got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!

<sup>20</sup> "Just then God showed up and said, 'Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods - who gets it?'

<sup>21</sup> "That's what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Meditation:**

**\*Hymn:** Take Time to be Holy **VU 672**

**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:**

**Ever-present God, with this offering, we present also ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way.**

**Accept us and our offering, we pray for Jesus' sake. 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:** Go, Make a Diff'rence **MV 209**

## **Blessing/Sending Forth:**

As we go forth, let us give thanks and glory to God.

**Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church, and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

Go forth, for the love of God is yours to share, the peace of Christ is yours to extend, the power of the Holy Spirit is yours to offer. Go now this day, in peace.

**\*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 young and old alike, be with us as we journey. Strengthen us so that we might always do your will, that all might know your love. Amen.

## **Suggested Readings:**

Hosea 11:1–11 or Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23

Psalm 107:1–9, 43 or Psalm 49:1–12

Colossians 3:1–11

Luke 12:13–21

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