


To Refrain 

you are faith - ful to your Word. We will
to the glo - ry of your name.

praise you.

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POSTLUDE Rock Prelude *Christopher Norton*

The flowers this morning are in loving memory of
Bill Cowan and given by the family.

Participating in worship leadership this morning: Doug McWhirter (co-ordinating greeter); Joan Bowden, Arlene Duncan, Jim Kappeler, Sheila Kappeler, Eric Oakley, Joan Oakley (greeters); Connie Capes-Leslie Deborah Hart (liturgists); Heather Parker (Chairperson, Governing Council); Karen Stintz (reader); Don Parsons (preacher); Peter Long (sound); Matthew Chalmers (drummer); Peter Merrick and the Choir.

O God of Jesus and Mohammed,
and of all the little creatures
and children of this blue-green planet,
You who side with no nation
because you are the judge of all nations,
You who call the rich and powerful to account
because You care for the poor and vulnerable –
feed us with the bread of Your justice,
fill us with the wine of Your joy,
that our hope may ever be nourished
by Your amazing grace.
Surround us with sisters and brothers
who will laugh and weep with us,
picket and pray with us,
that we may keep the faith,
demonstrate hope,
and love one another,
no matter what. Amen.

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RE-COVENANTING SUNDAY

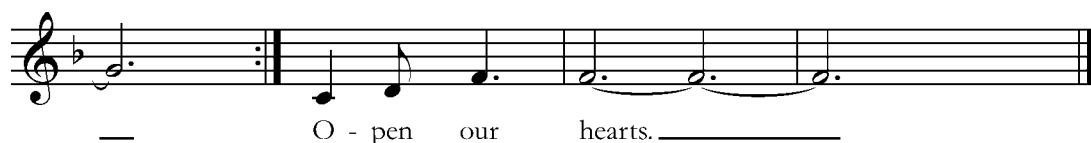
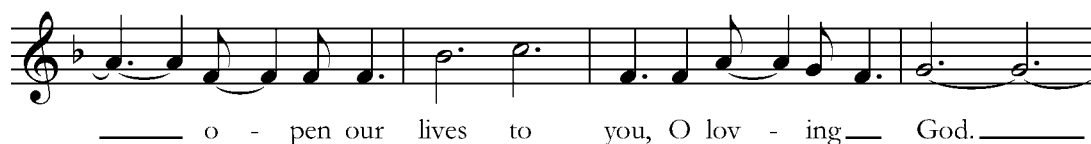
The congregation is invited to join in responses which are **bold**.

OPENING DOORS

PRELUDE Two Rock Preludes *Christopher Norton*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG Open our hearts

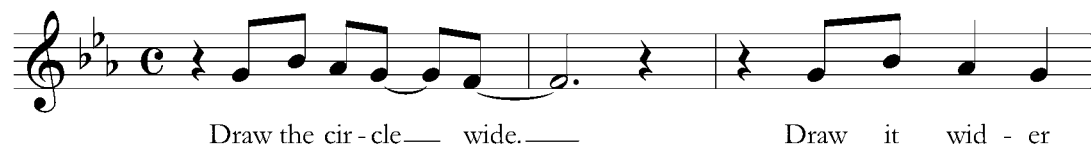


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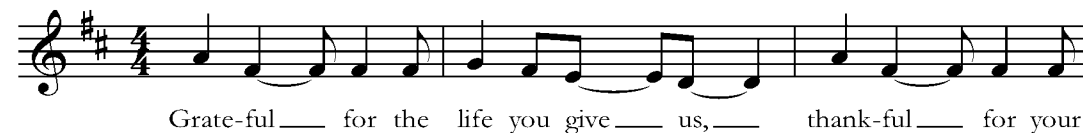
GATHERING WORDS

SONG Draw the circle wide



SONG Grateful

Refrain



Last time to coda



OPENING MINDS

FIRST READING James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL Mark 9:30–37

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ

ANTHEM Praise His Holy Name!

Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me. Jesus, Jesus, how I love thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name!

SERMON Who is Number One?

HYMN 366 like a child

Like a Child

OPENING HEARTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

ANTHEM Ain't That News

Stephen Hatfield

On m' journey now, Mount Zion, no you don't take a-nothin' on the journey now. Ain't that a-news?

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OPENING DOORS

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

still. Let this be our— song,— no one stands a -
lone, stand - ing side by side, draw the cir - cle— wide.
Fine
God the still point— of—
Let our hearts touch— far—
Let the dreams we— dream—
— the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre - a - tion turns;
— hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass great and small;
— be larg - er than we've ev - er dreamed be - fore;
no - thing lost, but held for - ev - er,
let our lov - ing know no bor - ders,
let the dream of Christ be in us, *D.C.*
in God's gra - cious arms. _____
faith - ful to God's call. _____
o - pen ev - ery door. _____

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OPENING PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: *(The congregation remains standing.)*

We feel your welcome, life-giving God,
as we seek to draw the circle wide in this holy place.

**You welcome those who are young,
and those who are older – all of us
sharing in the gift of worship
in this family of the church.**

You welcome newcomers and long-time members;
You include those whose faith is strong,
and others who are uncertain as they search for holy truth.

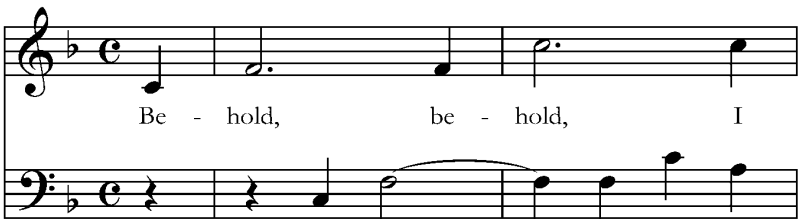
Help us all to catch glimpses of your presence in our midst.

**May this time together strengthen us
to fill your world with love and joy,
in the spirit of Jesus. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE


RESPONSE Behold, I make all things new

Higher Voices

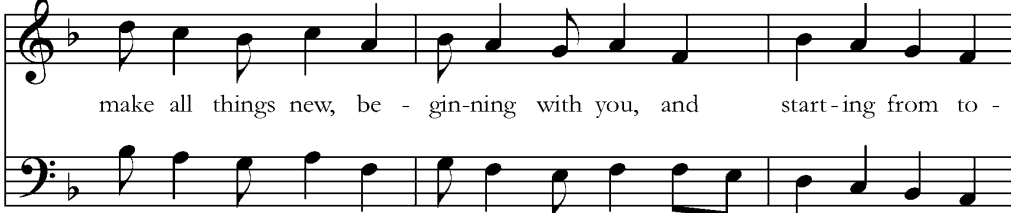


Be - hold, be - hold, I

Lower Voices



make all things new, be - gin-ning with you, and start-ing from to -



make all things new, be - gin-ning with you, and — start-ing from to -

Children and Youth of the congregation: Yes, we do.

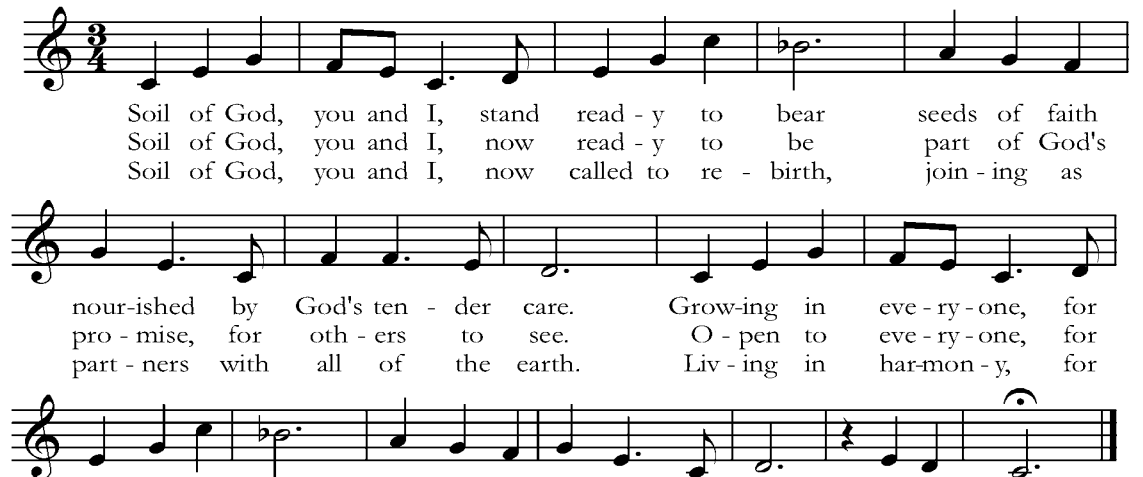
Honorary Chair of the Congregation: The life and work of this congregation depends on the support and commitment of all. Would the congregation please stand.

Congregation: On this day we remember our baptismal vows, seeking to become one with God, one with each other and one with the world. We promise to support the church by responding to its needs, while growing in faith, hope and love, accepting the unique gifts of those who offer to lead.

Minister: We have made a covenant to be God's people, growing, learning and serving in this place. It is by God's grace, and God's grace alone, that we will be able to fulfill our sacred promises.

All: Amen.

SONG Soil of God, you and I



Soil of God, you and I, stand read - y to bear seeds of faith
Soil of God, you and I, now read - y to be part of God's
Soil of God, you and I, now called to re - birth, join - ing as

nour-ished by God's ten - der care. Grow-ing in eve - ry - one, for
pro - mise, for oth - ers to see. O - pen to eve - ry - one, for
part - ners with all of the earth. Liv - ing in har - mon - y, for

here God is found. All stand to - ge - ther, we are ho - ly ground.
here God is found. All stand to - ge - ther, we are ho - ly ground.
here God is found. All stand to - ge - ther, this is ho - ly ground

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(Children are invited to go to Church School activities upstairs.)

Staff Team: We do. As those who minister within this congregation, we will continue to seek to fulfill the promises of our covenant with you. We will try to lead with integrity, follow with faith, and support the children, youth and adults of this congregation and walk with you on your journeys of faith.

Team Leader: Some among us have offered to lead the congregation in its administrative and program life. I ask the members of the Governing Council and Chairpersons of the Standing Committees to please stand.

As leaders in this congregation will you endeavour to serve faithfully, guide steadily and promote the vision of this church as a community of faith with open doors, open minds and open hearts?

Governing Council and Chairs of Committees: We will, with God as our guide.

Chair of the Governing Council: There are a variety of gifts of the spirit and a variety of ministries. From time to time we acknowledge them and affirm our covenant with them. As we begin the church year, we reaffirm our covenant with those who lead us through various ministries in the church.

Minister of Worship: As musicians in this congregation, will you seek to lead the congregation faithfully in praise of God?

Director of Music and Choir Members: With God as our guide, we will endeavour to sing spiritually and joyfully, growing in our own faith as we lead others to a renewed life with God.

Minister of Christian Education: As leaders of children and youth, will you offer your gifts, time and faith to the young people of this congregation?

Church School and Youth Leaders: With God as our guide, we promise to prepare carefully and listen responsively, knowing that it is more important to ask good questions than to have all the answers.

Minister of Pastoral Care: As those called and trained in the healing and pastoral visitation ministries of the church, do you promise to care for others with compassion, faithfulness and integrity?

Wellbeing Ministry and Pastoral Care Teams: We pledge our minds, bodies and hearts for the healing and wholeness of our community, extending care, hope and grace to members of the congregation, giving our time and our gifts to those in need in the church and community.

Minister of Christian Education: Will the children and youth of the congregation please stand. Do you promise to bring your special gifts, your questions and your faith as you worship, work and play in the church?

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system has lyrics: 'day. Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my'. The second system has lyrics: 'prom-ise is true, for I am Christ the way.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

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THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We are invited to share the Peace with a neighbour.)

COVENANT RENEWAL

Chair of the Governing Council: A covenant is a promise that involves God and community. A covenant is about trust. We are all entrusted with membership in this church; some are entrusted with leadership responsibilities including planning, governance, music, the care of others and the teaching and nurturing of children and young people in our community. On occasions like this we say who we will be and what we will do.

Our staff team works collegially, helping to ensure that our church fulfills its mission particularly through pastoral care, music, administration, our building, outreach, worship and Christian formation. Would those members of the team present please come forward. Do you promise to serve God among us, encouraging and supporting us in our faith and discipleship?