



## **Holy Curiosity**

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# THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

## Approach to God

Before the service, meditate and speak to God, during the service let God speak to you. After the service talk to each other and the wider community about God.

Words printed in **bold** are spoken or sung by everyone. **At places marked †, you are invited to stand, as you are able.**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **Preparation for Worship: Take, O take me as I am MV #85**

Take, O take me as I am;  
Summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (*Repeat 1*)

### **Welcome & Notices**

### **Candle Lighting Ceremony**

### **Joys & Concerns**

#### **Call to Worship †**

One: Look, over there, the light of God's presence calls to us.

**People: We must be standing on holy ground!**

One: Look, all around, the light of God's love is in each person present.

**People: We must be standing on holy ground!**

One: Look, deep within, the light of God's creativity and compassion are part of our being.

**People: We must be standing on holy ground.**

One: God is calling for our curiosity and our attention. In this time of our worship let us recognize the flame of God's presence everywhere.

**ALL: And let us celebrate that we are standing on holy ground.**

#### **Hymn: Three things I have promised #176 †**

Three things I promise, Holy God,  
in age and youth, in life and death:  
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

Your love unfolded time and space,  
and life, and all that life became,  
and so, with thankful heart and voice,  
through good and ill, I bless your Name.

I follow, serve, and cling to Christ  
amid our culture's tides and trends,  
for here your Name is most revealed:  
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

Enlivened as the Spirit moves  
to cleanse, awaken, and renew,  
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,  
may seed and grow in all I do.

If I should live when vigor fades,  
and family and friends are gone,  
three acts of loving faith remain  
when days are slow, and work is done.

Revive and guide me, Living God,  
as day by day, until my death,  
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Preparation for Prayer: Lord, listen to your children praying VU #400**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

#### **Prayer of Confession (Responsively)**

One: God, you call us to be agents of intervention and change in a broken world.

**People: But who are we, that you should do such a thing?**

One: God, you ask us to speak up, and to lead.

**People: But who are we, that you should do such a thing?**

One: God, you nudge us forward into the arenas of participation rather than passivity.

**ALL: But who are we, that you should do such a thing?**

**We are your children, Loving God,  
yet we confess we are reluctant to hear your call.**

**We confess, Holy Presence, that we turn away  
and resist your urging displays,  
even when the signs are all around us.**

**We are fearful and would rather imagine ourselves to be powerless than enter the frays of conflict and oppression that exist all around us.**

One: The great "I AM" is calling, showing us that WE ARE as well.

**People: We do not know how TO BE all we are called TO BE.**

**Forgive us and show us the way, we pray. Amen.**

### **Assurance**

One: The great "I AM" is always with us, and make all things possible through God's grace. People of God, let us not fear the signs of God's glistening presence. But rather, let us be affirmed and drawn in. ready to step forward and allow God to work through us. God is always with us. In this let us be assured.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen**

### **Ministry of the Word**

- Special Selection
- Stories & Themes for All Ages (optional)

### **Scripture Readings**

- First Testament: Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church today!*

***All: Thanks be to God.***

### **A Conversation with Rev. Franklyn James**

*He was minding his business, but in a moment of curiosity, he was called to action. Though unwilling at first, he answered God's call to be Her instrument in bringing deliverance to the oppressed.*

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### **Opening Hymn: Here I am, Lord VU #509<sup>†</sup>**

I, the lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

### **Refrain**

*Here I am lord, is it I, lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them whom shall I send? (**Refrain**)

I, the lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
my hand will save  
finest bread I will provide,  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send? (**Refrain**)

### **Minute 4 Mission**

#### **Preparation for prayers of the people: Lord, listen to your ... VU #400**

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Thank You and Commission & Benediction †**

#### **Passing the Peace †**

#### **Closing Hymn: Take up his song MV #213 †**

Take up his song of peace\* and go into the world.  
Take up his song of peace\* in every moment.  
In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;  
lay them down in peace,\* lay them down, and take up his song

**\*Additional verses:** "hope," "faith," and "love."



Welcome to our visitors! Please sign our guest book – There will be no refreshments & fellowship in the Downstairs after worship until further notice

For children - crayons & coloring sheets are available at the back of the sanctuary.

*Remember to support and encourage each other and those who have any mobility or other human differences; call to buoy up their spirits and offer assistance if needed, pray for and with them and entrust them to the care of the divine.*

1. Remember to observe social distancing etiquettes
  - ✓ Mask – Wear it when you come in, take it off after seated
  - ✓ Cleaners needed –
2. Online giving – Place in boxes before or after the service

**Thank you for worshipping with us!**



**Thank you for participating in today's worship, I pray you have been greatly blessed.**

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **On Piano**

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Due to physical distancing protocols caused by the Corona Virus, COVID 19, all church activities at Zion United Church that are suspended until further notice.

St. Andrew's United Church in Enderby will be open for worship as of Sunday, August 16, 2020, 9:30 AM. If you are planning a visit kindly let us know beforehand.

### **Gifts & Offerings**

You may also send us your gifts & offerings using the information below:

- Zion United Church @ to [zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com](mailto:zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com)
- St. Andrew's United Church @ [standrewsunitenderbybc@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsunitenderbybc@gmail.com)
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Those of you who are on PAR and those who mailed in the gifts and offerings thank you.

We are always happy to hear your comments and queries. If you have a prayer request you may use our social media message tabs or email them to [ministerfranklyn@gmail.com](mailto:ministerfranklyn@gmail.com)

### **MUSIC & RESOURCE**

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