



The Prophet in You

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

APPROACHED 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.

KEYS

Words printed in **ALL CAPS & bold** are spoken or sung by everyone.

At places marked with the “†,” you are invited to stand, as you are able.

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Order of Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT

CENTERING SONG: O Let the Power Fall on Me (v 1, 2, 1) MV #13

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

- **Joys & Concerns**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Take off your dress shoes; you may need to cross a rocky path. Take off your head covering; God may wish to kiss your forehead with a holy breeze.

Take off the thing that protects you; feel the warm presence of the people around you. God is in the air, and God is in the space between us. God will make the emptiness into a holy place. Come, let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER

One: God, we trust that you are in the holiest of holies. We also trust that you can make all places holy. Guide our understanding of your presence, so we will find comfort wherever it is available. Guide our hearts so that we may be drawn toward places that will challenge our beliefs about what is holy. Amen

HYMN: Healer of Our Every Ill VU #619

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, we come to the holy places and can feel like imposters. You see our shame and care about the way

We feel when we have been hurt.

We seek forgiveness.

We seek relief.

Guide us toward grace, mercy, hope, and abundance. Help us hold the hands of those who want to come into and through the holy places you inhabit. Amen.

AFFIRMATION & ASSURANCE

One: God sees what we cannot. God sees the full extent of the struggles we face. God sees, loves, empowers, and keeps us in grace. God's forgiveness is ageless and abundant.

PREPARATION FOR SCRIPTURE:

- **God Says (vs 1) More Voices #172**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Psalm 111 or VU p. 833
- Deuteronomy 18:15-20

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

All: We listen for the voice of God.

THE REFLECTION

HYMN: Christ Has No Body Now... (vs1-3) MV #171

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

At each long pause our, you are invited to offer a prayer of joys, concerns or requested prayers.

People: We know that we can demonstrate your love.

One: This is why we name aloud those who need us to act as advocates: For healing of the body, we name those who suffer illness. *Pause*

For healing of the spirit, we name those who suffer complacency or ambivalence. *Pause*

For healing of the mind, we name those who question their intelligence or need companions in the work to take every thought captive. *Pause*

For healing of war-torn countries, we name those places where holiness has been ignored in favour of control. *Pause*

For healing of the planet, we name the ecosystems that suffer when we are selfish consumers. *Pause*

One: All this we ask as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples then and us now. Our Father... **Amen.**

GOING FORTH HYMN: Here I Am, Lord VU #509

THANK YOU & BLESSING

One: And now we share in a coming practice of blessing one another.

ALL: We may fail; God does not.

We may end; God does not

Bless and be blessed. Amen

DOXOLOGY: Go Now in Peace (X3) VU #964



THANK YOUS & CREDITS

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

Remember, for those we are unable to connect with any reason; call to buoy up their spirits, and/or pray for them and entrust them to the care of the divine.

Due to physical distancing caused by the Corona Virus, COVID 19, all church activities that require physical contact are suspended until further notice.

GIFTS & OFFERINGS

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

- Zion United Church @ to zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com
- St. Andrew's @ standrewsunitederbybc@gmail.com
- Mission & Service Link: <https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/get-involved/giving-opportunities>

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 prayer requests, you may use our social media message tabs or email them to ministerfranklyn@gmail.com

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