



Fifth Sunday in Lent
A New Covenant
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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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORY AND RECONCILIATION

As we gather today, we recognize that the first peoples lived here for countless generations before we did. We acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional lands of the Splats'in First Nation, and we celebrate their faithful stewardship.

CENTERING SONG

- **Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (1-3 & 5) VU#121**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

- **Joys, Concerns & Prayer Requests**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and seek God with your whole heart:

All: Meditate on Christ's teachings, fix ourselves on the ways of Christ, and delight in God's Holy word.

One: Come let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving Jesus,

High priest of our hearts, draw us close to you,

So, we may glorify you and proclaim your goodness,

In all that we are, all that we do,

And all that we say. Amen

HYMN: We are Rainbow – David Kai *

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,

We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,

We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel anymore,

We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

Chorus

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,

For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,

Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,

Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.

We're a coat of many colours,
sewn from many different threads,

Covering all in warmth,

in welcome and in grace,

God said, "Let there be light",

created every varied shade,

In the rainbow each of us can find a place. **Chorus**

We are hope to still believe
in tomorrow's better day,
We are peace in a world that's torn apart,
We are joy that will last
in all the struggles that we face,
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart. **Chorus**

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,
For our God will be with us on the way,
Hand in hand, side by side,
we won't be frightened* anymore,
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day. **Chorus**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
according to your abundant mercy,
remove our transgression, take away our iniquity,
and smooth the path that will lead us closer to you.*

*For we know that the brokenness
of the world is all around separating us from you,
creation, and each other.
We are born into corruption.*

*You desire, all of creation to know the truth
that we are one in our inward beings.
Teach us wisdom in our secret heart,
So, we can celebrate with gladness
or reconciliation with you and your creation.*

*Creating us a pure heart, O God,
and put a reconciling spirit within us.
Do not cast us away from your creation,
and do not take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore your wonderful creation
and sustain your covenant with all Earth. **Amen.***

AFFIRMATION/ASSURANCE

*One: Be assured that the “Cosmic Christ”
lives deep within our hearts.
They will never leave us.
They will forgive our inequity
and no longer remember our sins.*

HYMN: Spirit, Open My Heart MV #79

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- **Jeremiah 31: 31-34**
- **Psalm 51:1-12 or VU, p776-777**
- **Hebrew 5:5-10**

REFLECTION/SERMON

HYMN: Now the Green Blade Rises VU #186

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Optional)

HYMN: In You There Is a Refuge MV #84 (Optional)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*In today’s prayer of the people, I am inviting you to take a
moment to silently or aloud offer a prayer of joy, concerns or
pray for someone who requested a prayer.*

*Loving God,
We pray for your church,
and its ministry around the world...
We pray for your faithful followers,
who are siblings in Christ.
We pray for this community of believers
and for all the joys and sorrows –
we share with you silently or out loud.*

God, may the law of love written on our hearts

*become our songs as we journey.
A song with words that comfort
when hardships on the road burdens...
A tune that lingers leaving warm thoughts
with those whom we meet on the way,
and with a rhythm that lilt.*

*buoying our spirit and strengthening our resolve
to see the journey through.
You promised to write your law within us,
so that no matter where we are,
we will always know deep in our hearts,
you and your way. **Amen.***

GOING FORTH HYMN: Love Knocks and Waits MV #94

THANK YOU & BLESSING

*Go and embody God's song to the world.
With your words, sing hope,
with your actions dance peace,
with your being, play love. Amen.*

DOXOLOGY: May the Grace of Christ VU #419



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.

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

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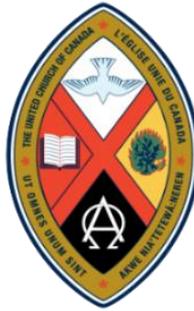
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