



welcome  
we're glad you're here



HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
★ DAY ★



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# SANCTUS:

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless  
God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me  
into life.~



**LIGHTING OF THE  
CANDLES**





# \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here we are, the people of God gathered from all over this community.

**All: We have come to hear the good news**

One: and to learn more about being God's people.

**All: We have come, for we are in**

**need of God's goodness.**

One: We have come looking for guidance and deliverance from what holds us back from living full and vital lives.

**All: We come as strangers and friends, allies and outsiders, all drawn into the circle of God's compassion and kindness.**

One: We have come because God longs to encounter us and enfold us in love.

**All: We have come to worship God. Let us worship together.**



## **\*OPENING PRAYER:**

**God of grace, as we gather here to worship and learn, to sing and to pray, to build community and restore ourselves for service, be with us. Encourage us to open our hearts and minds to encounter your goodness, and our souls to be buoyed by your loving presence. Amen.**



**\*OPENING HYMN: MV#1**

**“Let Us Build a House”**



Let us build a house where love can  
dwell and all can safe-ly live,

A place where saints and chil-dren tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and

vi-sions, rock of faith and vault of

grace; here the love of Christ shall end

di-vi-sions:

## Refrain:

All are wel-come, all are wel-come,  
All are wel-come in this place.

Let us build a house where proph-ets  
speak,

And words are strong and true, where  
all God's chil-dren dare to seek to  
dream God's reign a-new.

Here the cross shall stand as wit-ness  
and as sym-bol of God's grace; here as  
one we claim the faith of Jesus:

## Refrain:

All are wel-come, all are wel-come,  
All are wel-come in this place.

Let us build a house where love is  
found in water, wine and wheat; a  
banquet hall on ho-ly ground, where  
peace and jus-tice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is  
revealed in time and space;

As we share in Christ the feast that  
frees us:

Refrain:

All are wel-come, all are wel-come,  
All are wel-come in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will  
reach be-yond the wood and stone to  
heal and strength-en,

Serve and teach, and live the Word  
they've known.

Here the out-cast and the stran-ger  
bear the im-age of God's face; Let us  
bring an end to fear and dan-ger:

## Refrain:

All are wel-come, all are wel-come,  
All are wel-come in this place.

Let us build a house where all are  
named,

their songs and vi-sions heard and  
loved and treasured, taught and  
claimed as words with-in the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,

Prayers of faith and songs of grace,

Let this house proclaim from floor to  
rafter:

## Refrain:

All are wel-come, all are wel-come,  
All are wel-come in this place.~




# WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: God always looks at us with the eyes of compassion. Here, in this moment, we encounter the eternal mercy of God and our transgressions are forgiven.

**All: We are grateful**





**\*HYMN: VU#229**  
**“God of the Sparrow”**

God of the sparrow God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say *Awe*

How does the creature say *Praise*

God of the earthquake God of the  
storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick

God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbour God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home~





**CHILDREN'S  
TIME**



The background is a vibrant blue gradient, transitioning from a darker blue at the top to a lighter, cyan-like blue at the bottom. It is filled with abstract, glowing musical notes and sound waves. The notes are rendered in a translucent, glass-like style with highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. Some notes are larger and more prominent, while others are smaller and more ethereal. The sound waves are depicted as thin, white, wavy lines that flow across the frame, creating a sense of movement and rhythm. The overall composition is dynamic and artistic, evoking a sense of music and sound.

# **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

**Jack Graves**

**“Because He Lives”**



# SCRIPTURE: Acts 16:11-15



Betty Hardyman

## The Conversion of Lydia

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a

place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying,

“If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

# SCRIPTURE: John 14:1-7



Betty Hardyman

## Jesus the Way to the Father

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you

may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”



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**SERMON**



**\*HYMN:VU#567**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”**



Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,

through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.~



# OFFERING: VU#544

In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your  
love  
with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.~



# OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God of all, we see where the world is harassed and helpless and are moved to show care and compassion. We notice when those around us manœuvre about like sheep without a shepherd and are tossed about like flotsam on the tide. So we

**choose to be workers in your  
harvest, to step out in faith and  
stand up for what is just, to be  
bearers of your liberating good  
news of liberty and love. Abide  
with and within us. Amen.**





**\*CLOSING HYMN: VU#578**

**“As a Fire is Meant for Burning”**

As a fire is meant for burning  
with a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission,  
giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or  
customs,  
but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations,  
finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;  
we are pilgrims on the way.

We are seekers; we are givers;  
we are vessels made of clay.

By our gentle, loving actions,  
we would show that Christ is light.

In a humble, listening Spirit,  
we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime  
is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness  
mid earth's peoples, many-hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens  
when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance  
of God's new and glorious dawn.~



# \*CHORAL RESPONSE:

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!~



**Everyone is invited  
and encouraged to  
come for coffee in the  
LA Hall following  
service!**

**Please remember to  
return your nametag.**







































