

WELCOME

*Glad to Have You With Us*





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*Upcoming*

**EVENTS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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The image features two lit candles in the foreground. The candle on the left is taller and has a bright, steady flame. The candle on the right is shorter and also has a bright flame. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with numerous out-of-focus circular light spots, creating a bokeh effect. The overall atmosphere is warm and celebratory.

# **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**



# \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us give thanks to our Creator for the Creator is always with us.

**All: God is with us in the call of a loon and in the flight of an eagle.**

One: Our Creator is with us in the changing of the seasons.

**All: God is with us when we gather together and when we are alone.**

One: Our Creator is with us in our giftedness and in our search for new understandings of ourselves, new visions of our communities.



# **\*OPENING PRAYER:**

**Living God, we enter this time of worship for we feel you calling to us and urging us to be a part of your family. We stand with all the people gathered here in hopeful community, choosing to be a place where your generosity and kindness dwell.  
Amen**



\*HYMN: VU#308

“Many and Great, O God,  
are Your Works”



Many and great, O God, are your  
works,

Maker of earth and sky.

Your hands have set the heavens  
with stars,  
your fingers spread the mountains  
and plains.

Lo, at your word the waters were  
formed;

deep seas obey your voice.

Grant unto us communion with  
you,

O star-abiding one.

Come unto us and dwell with us,  
with you are found the gifts of life.  
Bless us with life that has no end,  
eternal life with you.~




# WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: Hear these words of assurance from Richard Rohr, SJ: “God is saving all of us, no exceptions. We are all saved in spite of ourselves, good and bad alike.” There is no place and no circumstance that will exclude us from the love of God, of this we can be sure.

**All: Thanks be to God.**





**\*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





SCRIPTURE:  
Romans 6:1b-11

Sandy Murphy



## Dying and Rising with Christ

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as

Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has

died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

SCRIPTURE:  
Matthew 10:24-39

Sandy Murphy



“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! Whom to Fear “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing

secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground

apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

## Not Peace, but a Sword

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more

than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.





**HYMN: VU#766**

**“As the Deer Pants for the Water”**

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you;  
you alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

## Refrain:

You alone are my strength, my  
shield  
to you alone may my spirit yield;  
you alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy;  
you alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

Refrain:

You alone are my strength, my  
shield

to you alone may my spirit yield;  
you alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.

You're my friend and you are my  
brother,  
even though you are a king;  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything!

## Refrain:

You alone are my strength, my  
shield  
to you alone may my spirit yield;  
you alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.~



# \*OFFERING VU#541

Praise God from whom all  
blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and  
low;  
give thanks to God in love made  
known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.~



# OFFERTORY PRAYER:

We would be like you, God, and notice the small things that count – sparrows that fall, and hairs on our neighbour's head. We would be like you, and know what is worth taking a risk. We would live like you, and know what to keep and what to discard. We would be beacons

**of hope in the world, offering strength and compassion. As we encounter you in our lives, we would recognize you and respond to your call.**



**\*CLOSING HYMN: VU#509**

**I THE LORD OF  
SEA AND SKY**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest 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:

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 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:

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.



## CHORAL RESPONSE:

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true  
faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling  
take leave.

The supper is ended, O now be  
extended  
the fruits of this service in all who  
believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching,

receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for  
all.

God's grace did invite us, God's love  
shall unite us  
to work for the kingdom and answer  
its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God  
ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will  
face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever  
caring,  
embracing God's children of each  
tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us, with your  
light now lead us;

unite us as one in this life that we  
share.

Then may all the living with praise and  
thanksgiving  
give honour to Christ and the name  
that we bear.~



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

**Please remember to  
return your nametag.**







































