

**Kindred Spirits Worship  
February 23rd, 2025  
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany**

**PRELUDE**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND TREATIES**

**One:**

Called to live with respect in Creation  
as Indigenous, Métis, Settler and Newcomer people,  
we acknowledge that the land on which we worship, work, learn and serve,  
and the water which sustains life on this land,  
is of God, Creator,  
and in the farthest reaches of memory  
was entrusted to the original peoples who walked this land,  
and to their descendants.

**One:**

With the coming of colonizers,  
treaties were made,  
but again and again the colonizers disregarded and broke the treaties,  
causing grave and lasting harm to the historic caregivers of the land,  
to the generations that followed them,  
and to the land itself.

**All:**

**Called to action for Truth and Reconciliation,  
we who gather here on Treaty One territory  
commit ourselves to finding faithful ways  
of honouring the treaties, the land and one another  
in a spirit of openhearted respect.**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING STATEMENT (Epiphany)**

Today, the lectionary readings lead us in the direction of forgiveness and reconciliation. There is a difference between offering forgiveness and receiving forgiveness. As a church we recognize that for all our contributions to culture and community, we have made mistakes and caused pain. And the world in which we live is grace filled and wondrous. What a complex and creative time in which to live.

**Let us Pray:**

**Creator God, Help us to live in the midst of the challenges and uncertainties of this time. Speak to us of Jesus and his words of a different way to live. Open us to be present with all who struggle, all who are vulnerable, all who are our brothers and sisters.**

AMEN

**HYMN: VU# 296 This Is God's Wondrous World**

### **MOMENT TO PONDER**

Today is the last Sunday in February. Another year we might have had a greater emphasis on Black History Month, celebrating the historical contribution of people of African-Canadian descent on our community and on our nation. This year there is a lot going on with collaboration, meetings, and changes in the world. I hope many of you have acknowledged that our community demographics are changing and that will impact us as we move forward. For now, in the spirit of Black History Month, and to continue the theme of music that feeds our spirits let's sing a piece from the Black spiritual tradition,

**"Over My Head, I Hear Music In the Air"**

**HYMN: MV# 88 Over My Head**

**SCRIPTURE:**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Luke 6:27-38

**ANTHEM: Be Still and Know That I Am God**

**REFLECTION:**

**HYMN: MV# 173 Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands**

**OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER**

**Doxology VU # 539 God of All Good vs. 1**

**Let us Pray:**

**Holy One, bless the gifts we share and the  
hope we hold so our community and world  
might be transformed by your Grace.**

**AMEN**

**CENTERING MUSIC**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG VU# 959)**

**AMEN**

**HYMN: VU# 559 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**Commissioning**

**Choral Blessing:**

**Amen (VU#974) 3X**

**Postlude**