

**Kindred Spirits Worship
February 9th, 2025
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND TREATIES (Announcement)

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)

In this season of Epiphany, we are aware that the world is changing, and the church is changing.

What is not changing is the need for justice for the Earth and for the most vulnerable of our sisters and brothers. What is not changing, is God is still raising up prophets who speak truth to power, and Jesus still calls disciples to proclaim “good news”. What is not changing is the need to choose how we will respond to difficult times.

Let us join in prayer:

Creator,

teach us to have courage in the midst of turmoil.

Guide us in the ways of truth and of justice,

Open us to the witness of prophets, and strengthen us as disciples. We pray in Jesus name,

AMEN

Hymn : VU# 315 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (Vs. 1,2,4)

MOMENT TO PONDER

HYMN: VU# 563 Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Luke 5:1-11

CHOIR ANTHEM: “You Are the Light of the World”

Jennifer ~ Vibra Slap

Luba ~ Cowbell

REFLECTION:

HYMN: VU# 509 I The Lord of Sea and Sky

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER

Doxology VU# 539 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

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation:

Friends, we are ordinary people gathered to pray and sing, and worship God together. This place is open to all. God's love is available to all. When we gather around this table, we say to all, young or old, newcomer or regular you are precious, you belong here, you are beloved. This celebration is for you!

Greeting:

God be with you.

And also, with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God Thanks and Praise

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Creator God, we give you thanks and praise,
for you are majestic in holiness, yet ever near.

In the beginning you created the universe.

You made the sun, moon, and stars to lighten our path and mark the seasons

We give you thanks that you make manifest your glory:

Speaking your truth through the prophets,

Gifting the earth with the prince of peace,

And setting a table for all who hunger.

And so it is that we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of Intercession

O God, we lift our prayers for the world,

Remembering all who struggle with winter cold,

All who hunger and thirst for justice.

We remember those who do not have enough.

Enough food, enough warmth, enough love!

We remember those whose homes are torn by war and destruction.

We pray for captives who have been released, and those who have died in prisons both physical, and emotional.

We pray for all who serve the broken hearted. Those who provide food and water, those who offer medicine and care, those who listen to stories of grief.

We pray for our community, our friends and family in need. The sick and the lonely, the grieving and the forgotten, the hungry and the alone. Today we particularly remember

We pray for all those we name in the silence of our hearts.....

Words of Institution

Throughout his life Jesus shared meals with ordinary people. The displaced and the outcast yes, his friends and disciples, yes, and throughout the span of history, all those who have embraced his calling and endeavoured to follow his way. We remember one such meal he ate with his disciples. He took the bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and passed it to them saying, take this and eat. This bread is the body of life, broken by the world. Eat it in remembrance and in Hope.

After that, he took the cup, poured it and blessed it, and passed it to them saying, "This cup is the sign of the new covenant. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Pour your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, O God,
that we might be transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ.
Dying to our old ways, may we rise to life anew.
Through your presence, may the garden of your Creation flourish and thrive,
and the fruits we bear nourish others.

AMEN.

Let us unite in the words of the Jesus prayer:

LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

AMEN

THE SHARING:

May this bread nourish and sustain us in our search for light and life!

AMEN

May this cup bless and refresh in our living and our serving!

AMEN

Come, for all is now ready.

Prayer After Communion:

**Holy God, For food for the journey,
For the blessing of Hope,
for the gift of community,
we give you thanks.**

**Grant that we may grow in love and understanding,
And ours may be lives of faithful action,
In Jesus name.**

AMEN.

Hymn: VU# 578 As A Fire Is Meant for Burning

Commissioning

Choral Blessing: VU# 87 (Chorus) I Am the Light of the World

Postlude