

**Kindred Spirits Worship  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**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  
and the homeland of the Red River Metis  
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**

In this season of Epiphany, we are reminded that God continues to reveal light in unexpected ways and through unlikely people. Today's readings speak of being called by God, known by name, and invited to follow. As we gather in worship, may we listen for God's voice, recognize Christ among us, and respond with trust and faithfulness.

### **Call to Worship**

One: God calls us from the very beginning, forming us and naming us with love.

**All: We come to listen for God's call in our lives.**

One: Christ stands among us, saying, "Come and see."

**All: We open our hearts to follow where Christ leads.**

One: Let us worship God with joy and expectation.

**All: We worship God, who calls us into light and purpose.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Faithful and loving God, You call us by name and claim us as your own.**

**In this time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice, open our eyes to see your presence among us, and open our hearts to respond with trust and courage.**

**May your Spirit guide us as we follow Jesus Christ, our teacher, companion, and Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN: VU#509    Here I am Lord**

## **MOMENT TO PONDER**

In today's readings, we hear about people being called by God in ways that are often quiet, personal, and unexpected. God doesn't always speak through big or dramatic moments, but through waiting, listening, and gentle nudges. When Jesus says, "Come and see," he invites us to start with curiosity and trust, not with all the answers figured out. As we take a moment to pause, we are encouraged to think about where we have noticed God at work in our own lives, and how we might respond again to Jesus' invitation to follow, learn, and grow.

**HYMN: MV#3      River**

## **SCRIPTURE:**

Isaiah 49:1–7

Psalms 40:1–11

John 1:29–42

**CHOIR ANTHEM:    The Coventry Carol**

## **REFLECTION:**

**HYMN: VU#510    We have This Ministry**

## **OFFERING INVITATION**

God calls each of us and blesses us with gifts meant to be shared. In gratitude for all we have received, let us offer our gifts and ourselves to God's service.

**Doxology VU#541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

## **Let us Pray:**

Gracious God, receive these gifts and our thankful hearts.

Bless them and use them for your work of love, justice, and compassion in the world, that your light may continue to be revealed through us. Amen

**Centering Music**

**COMMUNITY/PEOPLE'S PRAYERS**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Loving God, in this season of Epiphany, we bring before you the joys and burdens of our hearts, trusting in your unfailing love. We pray for our world, where war, hunger, and injustice persist. May the light of Christ shine into places of darkness. Grant wisdom to leaders, courage to those who work for peace, and comfort to all who suffer.

We pray for our communities and our city. We remember neighbors in need, those who feel lonely, anxious, and weary, and all who long for belonging and hope. Strengthen our common life, guide our hands to care for one another, and open our hearts to acts of kindness, compassion, and justice.

We pray for the struggles carried within our own lives and within this community of faith. We lift before you those facing illness, grief, financial strain, broken relationships, and uncertainty. We also name quietly before you those who are going through difficulties, especially those we name in our hearts this day. We pray for..... Surround them with your presence, grant them peace, and remind them that they are held in your love.

We pray for this congregation, called by name and gathered in hope. Help us to follow Christ faithfully, to listen for your voice, and to live as bearers of your light. May we be instruments of your mercy and reconciliation, sharing hope wherever it feels distant. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)... AMEN**

**HYMN: MV#171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours**

### **Commissioning**

Go forth into the world, called by God and guided by Christ. May the love of God uphold you; may the grace of Jesus Christ walk beside you, and may the Holy Spirit strengthen you as you live out your calling in faith and hope. Amen.

**Choral Blessing: VU#425 God Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

**Postlude**