

Please take a few moments in silent meditation to prepare our minds and hearts to worship God. Please stand as you are able when the beadle enters with the Bible.

Prelude

WE APPROACH GOD

Call to Worship:

L: Loving and faithful followers of Christ, Come to be transformed by God's power and grace.

P: Come to enjoy the loving presence of God. Come to discover your true path with the leading of the Spirit. Come, let us worship God. Amen.

Introit: Over my head I hear music in the air

*Over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
there must be a God somewhere.*

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Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: "Out of my bondage, sorrow and night" #193

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

P: God who creates the future, you call us to follow you, yet we confess we prefer to remain where we are. You offer us new beginnings, yet we continue to make the same choices, guided by our own desires. You invite us into freedom and the fullness of life, yet we distance ourselves from you and each other through fear and doubt. Forgive us, God. Allow the Spirit of Christ to cleanse us from every unworthy thought, word and deed; rouse us by the Spirit to be intentional, joy-filled disciples. Amen.

L: In Christ, we are made a new creation; the old life is gone, and the new life has come! Know that God loves you, forgives you and sets you free. Do not be afraid to make a new start!

P: We won't. Thanks be to God!

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 16:1-11

L: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

P: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

L: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

P: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

L: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

P: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

L: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

P: in the night also my heart instructs me.

L: I keep the LORD always before me;

P: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

L: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

P: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*Hymn: "Now there is no male or female" #513

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture:	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	p. 326
	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	p. 190
	Luke 9:51-62	p. 70

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "Lord of all power" #626

Sermon: Freedom!

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory

Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

O God, we know you to be kind and generous to us. So, we bring our gifts to you in gratitude and with joy. Pour your Spirit out on these gifts and on our lives, so that we may bear the fruit of your Spirit in everything we do and every life with touch. We pray in the name of Christ, our Living Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "O Canada"

- O Canada, our home and native land,
true patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,
the true north, strong and free;
from far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
- We, as we stand, acknowledge those who knew,
this place before and from its waters drew.
They honour the Creator and, with drum and sacred song,
they find the Divine Presence in the herbs and winds so strong.
Let us, with them, make hope increase.
Keep Kanata a place of life and peace.
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- Almighty Love, by thy mysterious power,
in wisdom guide, with faith and freedom dower;
be ours a nation evermore that no oppression blights,
where justice rules from shore to shore,
from lakes to northern lights.
May love alone for wrong atone;
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.

*Sending

*Benediction: "Come sing, O church, in joy! v.3" #757
*Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

Postlude

