

Call to Worship — Responsive

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
People: I will sing praises to God all my life long!
Leader: Happy are those whose help is in God, Creator of heaven and earth,
the One who is forever faithful;
People: The One who is seeking justice for the oppressed and for the hungry;
Leader: Setting prisoners free and opening the eyes of the blind;
People: Lifting up those who are bowed down and loving the righteous.
Leader: The Lord protects strangers and upholds the orphan and widow;
but the way of the wicked is brought to ruin.
People: The Lord our God will reign forever, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Prayer for Guidance — Unison

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.
- A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Prayer of Dedication — Unison

As crowds spread the word of Jesus' power, O God,
so may we spread the word of your grace,
as we share these gifts and our very lives
with those in need.
May these offerings be instruments of your healing,
your justice, and your good news,
in this community and around the world.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

Sending Forth—Responsive

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon you.
People: We go proclaiming God's love and liberation.
Leader: The Spirit of Christ is upon you.
People: We go to live lives of justice and freedom.
Leader: The power of the Spirit is upon you.
People: We go as one body, one spirit, one witness to the promises of our God.
Leader: Now Go in Peace, Joy, and Love.
People: Amen