

# *Come as you are*

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## GATHERING

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SING: "O Canada"

\*SANCTUS: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN: VU #337 "Blessed Assurance"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: God is saving us by divine mercy, no exceptions. We are all saved in spite of ourselves, good and bad alike.

All: As a cup of water can wash away dirt and grime from our hands, and cool cup of water can quench our thirst, so the grace of God cleanses us, restores, and revives us to continue on our journeys of faith. Amen.

\*HYMN: MV#48 "I Can Feel You Near Me God"

### CHILDREN'S TIME

## LISTENING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Romans 6:12-13      Reader: Gail Squires  
Matthew 10:40-42

### SERMON

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN: VU#681 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

\*OFFERING: VU#541 "Praise God From who all Blessings Flow"

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN: VU#480 "Let us Break Bread Together"  
(please remain seated while the Benevolent Offering is taken)

COMMUNION: Please refer to insert

\*CLOSING HYMN: VU#642 "Be Thou my Vision"

## GOING FORTH

\*BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE: VU#481 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

\*Please stand if you are able.

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Whoever gives one  
of these little ones even a cup  
of cold water because he is a disciple,  
truly, I say to you, he will by no  
means lose his  
reward.

Matthew 10:42

## **Romans 6:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments<sup>[a]</sup> of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments<sup>[b]</sup> of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations.<sup>[c]</sup> For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to

greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Matthew 10:40-42**

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

**\*OPENING HYMN: VU #337 "Blessed Assurance"**

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.  
    This is my story, this is my song,  
    praising my Saviour all the day long;  
    this is my story, this is my song,  
    praising my Saviour all the day long.
- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. R

**\*HYMN: VU#681 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"**

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your words of life again.
- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3 The cup of water given for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view  
the strong compassion of your face.
- 4 O Jesus, from the mountain side,  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide,  
and tread the city's streets again,
- 5 till all the world shall learn your love  
and follow where your feet have trod,

till glorious from your heaven above  
shall come the city of our God.

**HYMN: VU#480 "Let us Break Bread Together"**

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees,  
let us break bread together on our knees.  
    When I fall down on my knees  
    with my face to the rising sun,  
    Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
let us drink wine together on our knees. R
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees,  
let us praise God together on our knees. R

**\*CLOSING HYMN: VU#642 "Be Thou my Vision"**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.