

The background is a complex abstract composition. It features a central, horizontal band of soft, muted colors (pinks, purples, and blues) that suggests a misty or hazy landscape. This central area is framed by dense, vertical bands of vibrant, multi-colored paint splatters and brushstrokes. The colors in these outer bands include bright greens, yellows, oranges, reds, and purples, creating a sense of energy and movement. The overall effect is one of a welcoming, artistic, and somewhat ethereal environment.

WELCOME

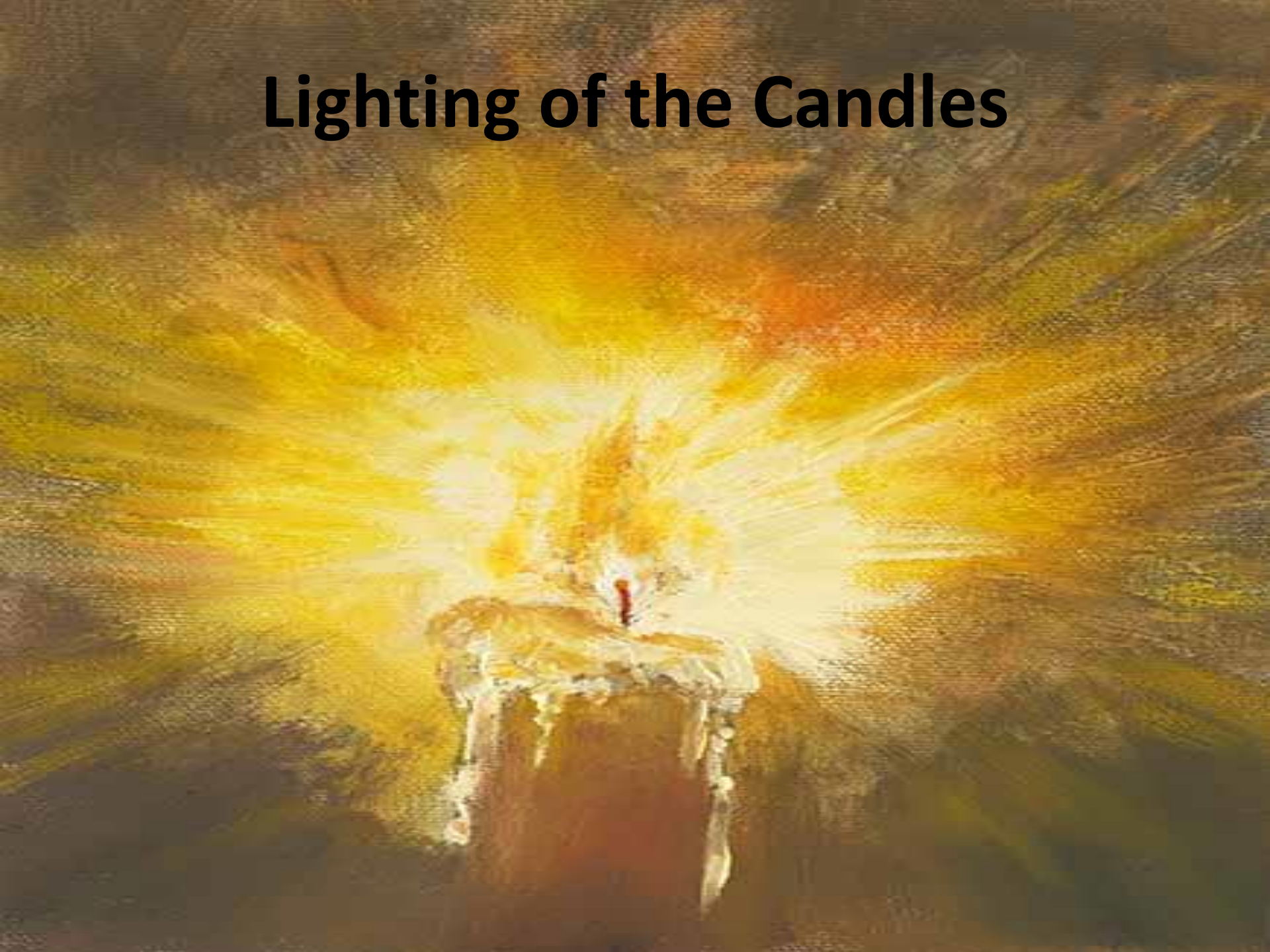


WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanctus #315 v.1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall
rise to thee; holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty, God in three
persons, blessed Trinity! ~

Lighting of the Candles



***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Come and see: signs of the risen Christ are all around us!

All: We come to worship God.

One: Come and know: the presence of the risen Christ in this community!

All: We come to worship God.

One: Come and believe: the risen
Christ is with us now and always.

All: We come to worship God

***OPENING PRAYER:**

We have heard the call, loving God, to come into your presence. We have heard the challenge to be baptized in the name of Christ and receive new life. We have heard the invitation to turn away from a society focused on greed and self-centredness, and to turn our

**lives toward loving and serving
one another. Guide us and lead
us, we pray. Amen.**

An impressionistic painting of a sunset or sunrise over water. The sky is filled with vibrant, blended colors of blue, orange, yellow, and red, with visible brushstrokes. The water below reflects these colors in a similar, textured manner. The overall mood is serene and atmospheric.

*OPENING HYMN: VU#395

“Come In, Come In and Sit Down”

Refrain:

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the
pain,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain:

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain:

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

There's life to be shared in the bread
and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the
vine.

This is God's temple, it's not yours or
mine,
but we are a part of the family.

Refrain:

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

There's rest for the weary and health
for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a
burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer
the call,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain:

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

One: When we fail to recognize the Christ travelling beside us,

All: O God, forgive us.

One: When we fail to recognize the Christ in others all around us,

All: O God, forgive us.

One: When we fail to recognize the Christ in the world of which we

are a part,

All: O God, forgive us.

One: When we fail to recognize the Christ in the headlines in the news and events that occur every day,

All: O God, forgive us.

One: Open our eyes and our hearts, gracious God, to recognize

that you travel among us always,
and that you are present in any we
would otherwise ignore. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: No matter where we find ourselves on life's journey, Jesus comes and travels with us. Jesus offers us forgiveness and new life at every turn of the path. So know, friends, that whenever you turn to God, God welcomes you and forgives you.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: VU#661
“Come to my Heart”



Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.

Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.

Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.

Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.~

CHILDREN'S TIME



SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Brian Ricker



Thanksgiving for Recovery from Illness

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I
live. The snares of death encompassed
me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on
me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving
sacrifice and call on the name of
the LORD. I will pay my vows to
the LORD in the presence of all his
people, in the courts of the house of
the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

SCRIPTURE:
Luke 24:13-35

Brian Ricker



The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing

him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied,

“The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things

took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see

him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the

village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened,

and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The

Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

An abstract painting featuring a vibrant, textured surface. The left side is dominated by warm, fiery colors like red, orange, and yellow, with thick, expressive brushstrokes. The right side transitions into cooler tones of blue, green, and purple, also with visible, energetic brushwork. The overall effect is one of dynamic energy and emotional intensity.

*HYMN: VU#331

“The Church’s One Foundation”

The church's one foundation is Jesus
Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and
the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own
death set free.

Called forth from every nation, yet
one o'er all the earth;

one charter of salvation: one Lord,
one faith, one birth.

One holy name professing and at one
table fed,

to one hope always pressing, by
Christ's own Spirit led.

Though with a scornful wonder the
world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies
distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping shall be
the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of
our war,
we wait the consummation of peace
forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing
eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall
be the church at rest.

We now on earth have union with God
the Three in One,
and share through faith communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give
us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high
may dwell with thee.~

*OFFERING: VU#542

*We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.~*

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

What can we give back to you, O God, for all the good things you have done for us? We lift up the cup of salvation. We call on your name. We keep the promises we have made to be your people, proclaiming your goodness to all the world. Amen



Hymn #514

**“God, the Spirit, Guide
and Guardian”**

God the Spirit, guide and guardian,
windsped flame and hovering
dove,
breath of life and voice of prophets,
sign of blessing, power of love:
give to those who lead your people
fresh anointing of your grace;
send them forth as bold apostles
to your Church in every place.

Christ our Saviour, Sovereign,
Shepherd,
Word made flesh, Love crucified,
teacher, healer, suffering servant,
friend of sinners, foe of pride:
in your tending may all pastors
learn and live a shepherd's care;
grant them courage and compassion
shown through word and deed and
prayer.

Great Creator, life-bestower,
truth beyond all thought's recall,
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy,
giving and forgiving all:
as you know our strength and
weakness,
so may those the church exalts
oversee its life steadfastly
yet not overlook its faults.

Triune God, mysterious Being,
undivided and diverse,
deeper than our minds can fathom,
greater than our creeds rehearse:
help us in our varied callings
your full image to proclaim,
that our ministries uniting
may give glory to your name.~

CHORAL RESPONSE #884

**You shall go out with joy and be led
forth with peace, the mountains and
the hills will break forth before you,
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the
trees of the field will clap, will clap
their hands!**

**And all the trees of the field will clap
their hands (clap, clap) the trees of
the field will clap their hands (clap,
clap), the trees of the field will clap
their hands (clap, clap), while you go
out with joy!~**

**Everyone is invited
and encouraged to
come for coffee in the
LA Hall following
service!**

**Please remember to
return your nametag.**



