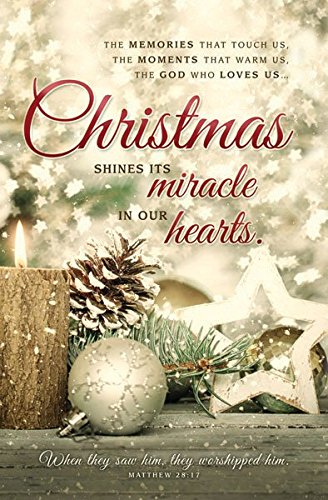
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*We recognize the lands upon which we worship as the*

***ancestral, cultural, traditional and unceded lands***

***of the Səl̓ílwətaʔ,  Xʷməθkwəy̓əm, & Sḵwx̱wú7meshsi,***

***Musqueam***, *Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.*

***Lakeview Multicultural United Church is a safe place***

***for all people to worship***

***regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation***

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**Vancouver, BC**

***♦*** *Please stand where indicated, as you are able & comfortable*

***Congregational responses are in bold***

**Christmas Sunday**

**December 30th, 2018**

**A Christmas Prayer For You**

**That may hold forever in your heart**

**the golden memories of every Christmas Day**

**you have ever known.**

**That you may be brave in the hours of trial**

**when the cross is laid upon your shoulders,**

**when the hill you must climb seems very high,**

**and the beacon lights of hope are far away.**

**That every gift God has given you**

**may grow with the years,**

**and fill the hearts of those you love with its fragrance.**

**That in every hour, you may have a friend**

**worthy of your friendship**

**to whom you can confidently reach a hand**

**when the storms break,**

**and with whom you can ford the torrent**

**and reach the sun-kissed heights.**

Patrick Scanlan

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♪ **Praise Music**

Acknowledgement of the Territory

Welcome and Announcements

**Gathered ‘Round The Manger**

**Words of Gathering:**  **Luke 2: 10-11**

“Behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be

for all people. For unto you is born a Saviour, who is Christ,

the Lord.”

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to all!**

♦♪ **Carol:** ‘Angels From The Realms Of Glory’ ***VU 36***

**Prayer**

Our hearts, O God, are a manger, sweet and warm – where the

Christ Child may find welcome. Thank You for Christmas:

for the love of family and friends, for the beauty of this Holy

Season, and most especially for the birth of Jesus – born again

for us as Emmanuel, God with us. Like the shepherds and the

Magi of old, may we bow in wonder, thanksgiving, and praise.

Amen

Greeting Each Other With Christmas Joy

**Scripture:** John 1 *(selected verses)*

The Christmas Story *(told from a child’s perspective - video)*

♦♪ **Carol:** “Away In A Manger” ***VU 69***

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**Sharing The Gifts Of Christmas**

♪ Offertory

♦♪ **Offertory Hymn: *VU 74***

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.*

*The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.*

*This, this is Christ the King; whom shepherds guard and angels sing;*

*haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

♦ Offertory Prayer: *(together)*

May these gifts give thanks for the blessings You have given

us this Christmas:

the gift of childlike wonder;

the gift of radiant hope;

the gift of peace that passes all understanding;

the gift of deep joy which cannot be taken away.

With these gifts, we bring ourselves, O God, in response to the

greatest gift of all – Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen

Prayers of the People

♦♪ **Carol:** “A Hallelujah Christmas” *(please sing with the video)*

*(based on the song by Leonard Cohen*

*with words ‘The Clovertons’)*

1. I've heard about this baby boy

Who's come to earth to bring us joy

And I just want to sing this song to you

It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth

The minor fall, the major lift

With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

*continued over …*

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2. A couple came to Bethlehem

Expecting child, they searched the inn

To find a place for You were coming soon

There was no room for them to stay

So in a manger filled with hay

God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

3. The shepherds left their flocks by night

To see this baby wrapped in light

A host of angels led them all to You

It was just as the angels said

You'll find Him in a manger bed

Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

4. A star shown bright up in the east

To Bethlehem, the wisemen three

Came many miles and journeyed long for You

And to the place at which You were

Their frankincense and gold and myrrh

They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

5. I know You came to rescue me

This baby boy would grow to be

A man and one day die for me and you

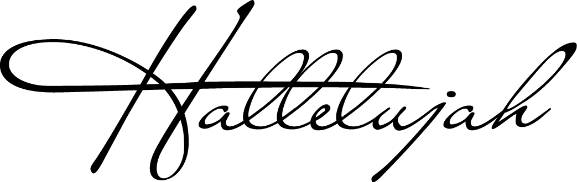
My sins would drive the nails in You

That rugged cross was my cross, too

Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah



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♦ Benediction:

As the shepherds returned on that first Christmas night, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard,

so you, too, are invited to go forth, glorifying and praising God by the living out of your lives in hope and gratitude. And may the presence of the Christ Child among us – the mystery of Emmanuel: God with us – bring you light in your darkness,

joy in your heart, and peace everlasting. Amen

**Welcome to Lakeview Multicultural United Church**

**and blessings on this Christmas Sunday.**

**May you find here a strengthening word, caring friends,**

**and the embracing spirit of Christ.**

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