**September 19, 2021**

Pre Service Slides

10:30 AM

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**Prelude (Colin Bonneau)**

Pulpit

News and announcements

1. Welcome back events, start up of programs…
2. Worship services celebrating seasons! This week seasons of the Church, next week seasons of our lives.
3. **This week lots of hymns, watch Ron and Linda to know when to stand/sit**

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We begin by remembering the darkest night of the year and short days of that prepare us for Christmas. These weeks we call Advent and we use them to get ready for Jesus’ birth stories to warm our hearts and inspire our faith. God comes in the form of a poor child to help us know where to find God in our own day and age: among the poor.

**Hymn:** VU **6** *A Candle is Burning:*  **verses 3 and 5**

***Candles*** *are lit*

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**Opening Prayer**

Creator, we are celebrating your whole church year and we begin with Advent and Christmas. This is the time of year the church sings and sings!

Thank you for gathering us to sing together today.

You have created seasons for the church to remind us to take time each year to celebrate, reflect, fast, remember and be the church you would have us be!

**One that welcomes each season with its gifts and limitations.**

**One that welcomes each person with their gifts and limitations.**

With all we bring here today help us feel your welcome and love.

**Help us to praise you no matter the season,**

**Amen.**

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**Hymn:** VU 59 *Joy to the World* vs 1 and 2

Center

**Connecting Time LITURGICAL CALENDARS**

**Sing with kids: AGCS #8** *Spirit in Me* **(four times through)**

**Reading from Scripture:**

**Readings from the Gospel of Mark from Christmas and Epiphany**

**Mark 1: 1-3**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**2**As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
    who will prepare your way;
**3**the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
    ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
    make his paths straight,’”

**Mark 10:13-16**

**13**People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. **14**But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. **15**Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” **16**And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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We respond:

In ages past, disciples, prophets, priests and historians wrote down their faith.

**This is a faithful witness of our ancestors.**

Word of God for us today.

**Thanks be to God.**

Pulpit

**Sermon** *Winter to Spring means Lent to Easter*

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**(stay seated for these)**

**Hymn: VU 108** *Throughout These Lenten:* **verses 1 and 3,**

**Hymn: VU 123** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna***: verse 1**

Pulpit

**Reading from Scripture from the Gospel of Mark** *16: 1-8*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. **2**And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. **3**They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” **4**When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. **5**As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. **6**But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. **7**But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” **8**So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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**Hymn: VU 173** *Thine is the Glory* **verses 2**

Pulpit

Invitation to offering:

God calls us to be part of this world, not only to partake but also to contribute to it, reflecting God’s love for all creation. Let’s give to God the best of ourselves, the first fruits of our labours, if you will. Let us gather and present our offering.

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**DOXOLOGY AGCS # 63 An Offering song**

Prayer over offering:

We bring you, O God, our offering from the abundance your earth has provided.

May these gifts that come from the rich soil, the depths of mines and oceans, and the labour of muscle, mind, and machine be used to bring healing to our neighbours and healing to our planet home. Amen.

Pulpit

**Prayer of the People** celebrating the intercession of the Holy Spirit at *Pentecost*

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**(stay seated for this one)**

**Hymn: VU 375** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* **(refrain, verse 4, refrain)**

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**The Lord’s Prayer (Strathdees)**

**Commissioning:**

God created seasons for the church to remind us to take time each year to celebrate, reflect, fast, remember and be the church God would have us be!

**We go to praise God in this the season of Creation.**

Guide us in ordinary and special times,

**for you are always with us.** **Amen.**

**Hymn: VU 651** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (all)*

Post Service Slides

**Postlude (Colin Bonneau)**

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