**October 10, 2021**

Pre Service Slides

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**Prelude (Colin Bonneau)**

Land is sacred and holy. Our relationship to the land is sacred and holy. Our relationship with each other on this land is sacred and holy. It calls for respect and thanksgiving. We can do this here on this land as a result of the welcome that comes through the treaty, which allows for peaceful and respectful living on this land. Thanks to the First Nations who have lived here for thousands of years. Because we are treaty people, we must honour the responsibilities that come with it. May we be people who remember this with gratitude and respect.

Pulpit

News and announcements

1. Happy Thanksgiving! Welcome to October –Show up and Start up!

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3. Backwards Sunday on Halloween

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**Candle lighting**

Waking up to your sunrise each day, God,

**wake us up to your love.**

Showing up to follow Jesus each day, God,

**show up in our lives.**

Starting up to hear the Spirit this day, God,

**start up our hearts.**

***Candles*** *are lit*

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**Call to Worship**

Children: *Show UP!*

Come to this sacred place

**that we create together with the Spirit.**

Children: *Show UP!*

Come to this holy place

**that has welcomed generations before us and will welcome generations after us.**

Children: *Show UP!*

Come to this sanctuary

**that is a safe space for all, filled with people who care for one another.**

Children: *Show UP!*

Come to this moment in time

**with praise, with love, and with hope!**

**Opening Prayer**

Draw close, God, until we can hear your call.

**Show up and show us that you are near and that you notice us.**

Open our hearts so we experience all creation praising you.

**Open our spirits till we recognize you in Jesus, caring, sharing, and blessing.**

Remind us, as we settle into this time of prayer, that it is we who need to draw close to you because you are already close to us.

**Amen**.

**Opening Hymn:** **MV 185** *Everyday is a Day of Thanksgiving*

Center

**Connecting Time** Wake up rituals

**Reading from Scripture:**

**Joel 2:21-27 from NRSV**

Do not fear, O soil;  
    be glad and rejoice,  
    for the Lord has done great things!  
Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
    for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
    the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad  
    and rejoice in the Lord your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
    he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
    the early and the later rain, as before.  
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,  
    the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years  
    that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
    my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
    and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
    who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
    and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

**Matthew 6:25-33 from the Message**

“If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don’t fuss about what’s on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds.

“Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.

“If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don’t you think he’ll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God’s *giving*. People who don’t know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

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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.**

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**Sermon** *Wake up because God is going to Show UP!*

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**Hymn: VU 126** *Are You A Shephard?*

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**Prayer over offering**

For what we receive, make us truly thankful, O God.

**For what we are about to give, make us thankful, too.**

Grateful for all that we are and for all that we might become,

**we commit to living thankful, thanks-filled lives, God of all! Amen.**

**DOXOLOGY VU 300**  *God, Whose Farm Is All Creation,*  **Verse One**

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**Prayers of People**

Holy Mystery, Life-Giver,

I yearn for your compassion and healing.

My soul aches. I feel angst.

I’m apprehensive and uncertain of the path I should follow.

You have brought me to this place where I understand that I need you.

I come to you with a hopeful heart.

I have known the peace of the Spirit’s presence and desire reacquaintance with it.

I yearn for the light that can dispel the shadows.

Awaken me to your voice.

I long to celebrate your Holy Presence once more. May it be so!

Holy One, Father and Mother to us all, gather us under your wing as a hen gathers her chicks. Give us sanctuary from the world that shapes us in ways that are not life-giving. When we are tempted and follow the ways of the world, forgive us. When we do not trust your voice, reassure us. When we fail to notice the signs of your Spirit, open our spirits. We are blessed to be your children. Help us be a blessing to you and to your dream for all creation. Amen.

*Words of Assurance*

God never washes God’s hands of us. God is faithful, with us through trouble, and healing us in grief. When we’ve failed, we have a shoulder to cry on and a voice to help guide us. Our judge is also our hope, and God never gives up! Thanks be to God!

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**The Lord’s Prayer Colin/Ron**

**Hymn: MV 135** *Called by Earth and Sky* **Chorus and verses one and two**

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**Commissioning**

Love your neighbour as yourself.

**Love does no wrong to a neighbour;**

**therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.**

Go into the world and, in truth and love,

**We go to show up in our lives to fulfill God’s calling.**

Post Service Slides

**Postlude (Colin Bonneau)**

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