**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Acknowledgement that we are on Indigenous Land**Long ago, all of this land was covered by ice

**Clothed in a winter without end**

But God our Creator brought back the warmth

**Pulling back the ice and revealing this land**

Plants and animals returned to the land

**And it was good**

Then God gave to the land a people

**And a people to the land**

To care for one another

**To live together**

And in this time, we celebrate the gifts of the Haldimand Treaty and the Homeland of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee and the neutral peoples.

**We celebrate all who make this place a home**

We celebrate the promise of hope Hope for a future good beyond imagining

When all will share this land together

**in hope, peace, joy and love. Amen**

**Lighting The Advent Candle**

**Sing: Hope is a Star VU#7 v1**

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**Hope is a star that shines in the night,**

**leading us on till the morning is bright.**

**When God is a child there’s joy in our song.**

**The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,**

**and none shall be afraid.**

**Passing the Peace**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn: VU #460 All Who Hunger**

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Music William Moore 1825, arr David Kai 1994

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1. **All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.**

**Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.**

**You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

1. **All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.**

**Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.**

**We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

1. **All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.**

**Come from loneliness and longing.  Here, in peace, we have been led.**

**Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**Scripture  Matthew 6:25-33**

**Anthem: Come thou long-expected Jesus**

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**Message:**

**Hymn: MV#140 As Long As We Follow**

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1. **As long as we follow in the way that God is leading,**

**we know God’s reign will surely come.**

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**we know God’s reign will surely come.**

**We know this, we know this.**

**Yes, God’s reign will surely come.**

1. **As long as we hope there is a future for creation,**

**a future for the universe.**

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**a future for the universe.**

**We know this, we know this.**

**Yes, God’s reign will surely come.**

**The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer**

**Sharing of the Elements**

**Prayer after Communion**

We give thanks, almighty God,

that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ

**Strengthen our faith,**

**increase our love for one another,**

**and send us forth into the world**

**united in courage and peace,**

**rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn    VU#2 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

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Music: Psalmodia Sacra 1715

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1. **Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free:**

**from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.**

1. **Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,**

**dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

1. **Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king;**

**born to reign in us for ever; now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

1. **By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;**

**by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen  VU #967**

**Postlude**