

**THE HOUR OF WORSHIP HAS ENDED;**  
**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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**NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

BLESSED are the POOR in SPIRIT

THEIRS IS THE  
Kingdom of Heaven

*Making Disciples -  
Making a Difference*

February 16, 2025  
9:30 A.M.  
Sixth Sunday  
after Epiphany  
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## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.  
—Attributed to Francis of Assisi (c. 1181–1226)*

↑Please stand, as you are able. ↓Please be seated.

### **WELCOME**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **QUIETING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS**

*The Lord be with you!*  
**And also with you!**

*Let us quiet our hearts and our minds as we gather to worship the Lord.*

### **PRELUDE**

*Teach Us Thy Word*

### **GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST—** (from Psalm 1)

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,

**People: who walk in the law of the Lord.**

Leader: Happy are those who keep the Lord's decrees,

**People: who seek the Lord with their whole heart.**

*God our Delight, your word guides us in paths that are true. We do not want to walk so long in sin that we take our place among those opposed to your ways, or settle down in the company of ridicule. Watch over us, we pray, as we meditate on you day and night, and we will be happy. Amen.*

### **↑GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG**

*The King of Glory*

vs. 1-3

*Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.*

*As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.**

*These are the gifts of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*This is the body of Christ broken for you.*

**Amen**

*This is the blood of Christ shed for you.*

**Amen**

**COMMUNION MUSIC** *Bless Us Now, Dear Lord, We Pray*

### **UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **BEING SENT FORTH TO LOVE AS CHRIST LOVES US**

### **↑GIVING THANKS TO GOD IN SONG**

*Blest Are They*

GTG #172, vs 1-3

### **CHARGE**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Rejoice and Be Glad*

**Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you, Lord –  
we thank you for Jesus:  
Word made flesh,  
light of the world,  
living water,  
shepherd and gate,  
way and truth,  
bread of heaven,  
cup of salvation,  
resurrection and life.

We thank you that the Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took the bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, including the one who was to betray him, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes again.

Take this bread and cup, O God – a feast of grace; take our hearts and lives – an offering of praise.

*Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Spirit, come –  
come and live in us:  
in this bread,  
in this cup,  
in your people,  
one in the body,  
one in the blood;  
one with Christ,  
one in ministry,  
in this place,  
in every place,  
in this world,  
in the world to come.

## ↓CALL TO ADMIT OUR SINS AND TURN TO GOD

*The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.*

## ADMITTING OUR SINS AND TURNING TO GOD IN PRAYER *(Unison)*

God of mercy: you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have lost track of your truth, and have wandered from your holy will. We have made our own way in the world. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your wisdom. Find us, God, forgive our sin, and bring us back to you, for the sake of your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord in whose name we pray...

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

*Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. People of God, hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God!**

## ↑GIVING GLORY TO GOD

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

GTG #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST JESUS *(Responsive)*

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let us live by and be guided by the Holy Spirit in all things, including how we treat one another.*

*The peace of the Lord be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

*Please exchange the peace of our Lord with one another in the way you are comfortable.*

## ↑GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG

*Your Words are Spirit and Life*

vs. 2-4

## CHANCEL CHOIR

*Christ, Be Our Light*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

### ↓PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Gracious and illuminating God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit, show us the Word made flesh – good news of great joy for all – so that we may sing with the angels: Glory in the highest and peace to all people on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

### GATHERING OF CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel According to Luke 6:20-26

### SERMON

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

### ↑RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD IN SONG

*I the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

GTG #69

### PROCLAIMING WHAT WE BELIEVE

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and in others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and to resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### ↓GIVING OF OURSELVES TO GOD IN THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING OF MUSIC

*Blessed Art Thou*

### ↑DOXOLOGY

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

GTG #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### ↓PRAYER DEDICATING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

### PRAYING FOR GOD'S MERCY

We especially pray for ...

We give you thanks for all that is good in our lives and all that you have given to us. May we have wisdom and strength to follow and do your will.

We thank you especially for ...

We pray all these prayers and the prayers deep within our hearts in the name of your Son and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord –  
we praise you for your love:  
bringing order out of chaos,  
breathing life into dust,  
leading captives to freedom,  
calling wandering children home,  
giving bread to the hungry,  
giving drink to the thirsty,  
raising the dead to life.

*Therefore we join our voices with all those who sing your praise in every time and every place:*