

**Order of Service**  
**March 6, 2022**

**Candle-Lighting**

**Welcome & announcements**

- \* Land Acknowledgement
- \* Celebrations & Concerns
- \* Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Lenten Call to Worship: *The 10 Commandments***

God commands us to not have any other gods.  
We should not value anything, not money or popularity or success, above God.  
**We will love and trust God above all else.**

God commands that we should not make idols.  
We should not give more value to anything that people make than to God.  
**We will worship only the holy God  
whom we learn about in the Bible.**

God commands us not to take his name in vain.  
We should not curse, swear, or use bad language.  
**We will only use the name of God with respect.**

God commands us to keep the Sabbath day holy.  
We should not treat the Lord's Day like every other day.  
**We will have special times of rest  
and praise God with his people.**

God commands that we honour our father and mother. We should not be mean or try to make those in authority, including our parents, angry.  
**We will respect and obey those  
whom God puts in charge of us.**

God commands that we not kill. We should not try to hurt other people.  
**We will help others in need.**

God commands us not to commit adultery.  
We should not think disrespectful thoughts about others.  
**We will keep loving relationships pure.**

God commands us not to steal. We should not take what does not belong to us.

**We will be honest.**

God commands us not to lie.

We should not say untrue or even hurtful things about others.

**We will build others up with our words.**

God commands us not to covet. We should not want what others have.

**We will be thankful and content with what we have. We do our best to obey God because we are thankful to God for his many gifts to us.**

### **Hymn Jesus, I Come to Thee**

1.

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night,

Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;

Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light,

Jesus, I come to Thee;

*Out of my sickness, into Thy health,*

*Out of my want and into Thy wealth,*

*Out of my sin and into Thyself,*

*Jesus, I come to Thee.*

2.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,

Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

*Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,*

*Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,*

*Out of distress to jubilant psalm,*

*Jesus, I come to Thee.*

3.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,

Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;

Into Thy blessed will to abide,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

*Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,*

*Out of despair into raptures above,*

*Upward for aye on wings like a dove,*

*Jesus, I come to Thee.*

4.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the joy and light of Thy throne,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

*Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.*

### **Prayer of confession**

(Church of Scotland - *Book of Common Order*)

Count us not as nothing, O God,  
Count us not as nothing, O Christ,  
count us not as nothing, O kind Spirit,  
nor abandon us to eternal loss.

**We confess our sins to you,**

**Father, Son, and Spirit**

**Holy. Compassionate God of life,**

**your kindly pardon give:**

**for our careless talk, our broken oath,  
our empty speech;**

**for all that we have left undone,**

**for all that we have done amiss.**

Jesus, only-begotten Son and Lamb of God the Father  
you gave the blood of your body to save us from the grave.

**As we receive the Word**

**and knowledge of your forgiveness,**

**Enshield us, encircle us, each day,**

**each night, each dark, each light.**

**Uphold us, be our treasure,**

**our triumph everlasting;**

**strong Son of God most high. Amen**

### **The Blessing of forgiveness**

(Kate McIlhagga from *Patterns of our Days*)

As winter trees Stretch out bare arms to a dark sky

**We stretch out in the darkness**

**to find the touch of love.**

As dandelions turn their yellow faces to the sun  
**We long to find in that warmth  
the promise of peace.**

As the fire breaks the shell of the seed  
**so may our pain break the shell of isolation  
that protects us from ourselves.**

In the security of darkness, the warmth of sunshine, and the promise of fire  
**may we blossom anew  
in the miracle of your saving love, O God**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **The Ministry of Music - Our Choir Presents...**

#### **Children's Hymn I Found Love...**

#### **A Time for All God's Children**

#### **Today's Bible Reading: John 3: 1-16 (ESV)**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses

lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

### **Hymn Eternal Light, Shine in my heart**

**(Tune: VU 490)**

**V U 629**

1

Eternal light, shine in my heart;  
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;  
eternal power, be my support;  
eternal wisdom, make me wise.

2

Eternal life, raise me from death;  
eternal brightness, make me see;  
eternal Spirit, give me breath;  
eternal Saviour, come to me,

3

until by your most costly grace,  
invited by your holy word,  
at last I come before your face  
to know you, my eternal God.

### **Sermon “Me...and my shadow”**

#### **The Lord’s Supper (Sung)**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (VU 149)*

1.

May the Lord God be with you all.

**And May God also be with you.**

○ Let us lift our hearts on high.

**We lift them to the Lord of Hosts.**

2.

We give you thanks Creator God  
maker of earth and heaven above.  
Your hands have formed us from the clay,  
You breathed into us holy breath.

3.

**It was your Son Lord Jesus Christ  
Who on this night, showed us his love  
by breaking bread and washing feet:  
The King of Kings serves one and all.**

3.

And so with all your people here,  
And with the company of heaven.  
We now lift up your holy name  
and join in their unending hymn:

4.

**Holy, Holy, O Holy Lord  
Heaven and earth  
are full of your glory  
Hosannah in the highest praise!  
Bless-ed is he  
who comes in your name.**

*Spoken Prayer of Consecration (Minister):*

*On the night that he was betrayed, Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given thanks, he broke it  
and gave it to his disciples saying:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."  
Likewise after supper he took the cup;  
and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying:  
"Drink this; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for  
you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me."*

5.

In memory of these gracious acts,  
We give ourselves in thanks and praise.  
**So we proclaim  
faith's mysteries:  
Christ died, is ris'n,**

and will come again.

**6.**

**O Breathe your Spirit on these gifts:  
Make them to be the body and blood  
of Jesus Christ, hope of the world.  
Amen, Amen, in his name, Amen.**

*Communion*

*Prayer after Communion (*