

Order of Service

September 4, 2022

Candle-Lighting

Welcome & Announcements

- * Land Acknowledgement
- * Celebrations & Concerns
- * Birthdays & Anniversaries
- * Dedication of the Offering

Call to worship

Called to move, as Jesus did, among the people;
to feel with them; to care for them; to touch them and be touched by them.

**Called to discern those gifts of life
God has hidden deep within each one of us.**

Called to discover and to share those gifts of our hearts,
our hands, our whole selves.

**Called to place our gifts in God's hands:
the holy hands from which they came.**

Called to follow Jesus
**and yes, we can answer; and yes, we can follow,
because we have been called first to love.**

Called to be God's children.
Called by our very own names.

Family of God, from whom does our help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

**Opening hymn: I have called you by your name
MV 161**

I.

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.

I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

2.
I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

3.
I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

4.
I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Opening prayer and confession

Story-telling God...

(Minister continues with Prayer)

**We gather in Jesus' name to hear the stories he told,
to gain wisdom and to know your Spirit's guidance.
Yet we confess that pride prevents us
from hearing the good news
and that we resist the power of your Word to change us. Forgive what we have
been,
help us amend who we are and set us free
to be who you have called us to be. Amen.**

Assurance of pardon & 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.

Hymn: God forgave my sin - freely, freely

1.

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to:

Refrain:

*He said, "Freely, freely you have received -
Freely, freely give;
Go in my name and, because you believe,
Others will know that I live".*

2.

All power is given in Jesus' name
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to R

Greeting Christ in All of Us - Passing the Peace

The Ministry of Music

Children's Hymn *He's My Rock, My Sword, My Shield*

A Time for All God's Children

Today's bible story: Luke 15: 1-10 from "The Message"

By this time a lot of men and women of doubtful reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, "He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends." Their grumbling triggered this story.

Ninety & Nine

"Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn't you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you

would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbours, saying, 'Celebrate with me! I've found my lost sheep!' Count on it—there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.

The Story of the Lost Coin

"Or imagine a woman who has ten coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and scour the house, looking in every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it you can be sure she'll call her friends and neighbours: 'Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!' Count on it—that's the kind of party God's angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God."

May God bless to our understanding this reading of Holy Scripture.

Amen

Sermon: "Lost-ness and Found-ness"

Pastoral prayer

Benediction & The Grace

Closing hymn: Amazing Grace

VU 266

1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

3

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4

The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.