

**Order of Service**  
**March 12, 2023**

**Candle-Lighting**

**Call to Worship**

*The 10 Commandments & reflection*

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.**

## **Welcome & land acknowledgment**

### **Birthdays, Anniversaries, Concerns & Celebrations**

Happy Birthday to you! Happy Anniversary to you!

May God bless you & keep you the coming year through

### **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 ministry of music - Our choir presents...**

**Children's Hymn: I found this love**

**A time for all God's children**

**Invitation to the offering**

**The Offering "We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

VU 543

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gifts may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Announcements**

**Old testament story: *Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16***

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make

nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

May God bless to our understanding this reading of His Holy Word. **Amen**

**Sermon:** Cross my heart

### **The Lord's Supper (Sung)**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (VU 333)*

1.

May the Lord our God be with you.

**May God also be with you.**

Let us lift our hearts and voices.

**Yes! We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks and praise to  
God almighty, Lord of Love.

**On-ly b-y the Wo-rd that c-a-lls us  
is our deepest hunger stilled**

2.

We give thanks to you Creator,  
maker of the heavens and earth.

**You have formed us in your image,  
breathed in to us holy breath.**

With your people on the earth and  
all the company of heaven.

**Now we lift your holy name  
and join in their unending hymn:**

3.

**Holy, Holy God of power,  
heaven and earth are full of thee**

**Bless-ed is the one you sent us.  
Hosannah in the highest praise!  
Holy are you, and most blessed  
Is your Son, Lord Jesus Christ.  
Through your Spirit you anointed  
Him to be our saving grace.**

*Spoken Prayer of Consecration (Minister):*

*On the same 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."*

**4.**

In remembrance of these acts,  
We give ourselves in thanks and praise.

**Holy living sacrifices,  
we proclaim faith's mysteries:**

"Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again one day."

**Pour your Holy Spirit on us,  
Gathered in this place today.**

**5.**

**Through your Son, our Saviour Jesus,  
With the Holy Spirit's power,  
May the Church that you created  
Honour you in every hour.  
Yours the glory, yours the kingdom,  
All who live in love are thine,  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.**

Communion

Prayer after Communion (

**Benediction & Three-fold Amen**