

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Pastor Brenda

Interlude

Call to Worship

Liturgist

One: God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.

**ALL: Come and give thanks!**

One: God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas.

**ALL: Come and give thanks!**

One: God calls forth plants from the soil and forms animals in infinite variety.

**ALL: Come and give thanks!**

One: God breathes upon us and fills us with life.

**ALL: Come lift your voices in praise!**

One: God gives our lives meaning through laughter and tears.

**ALL: Come lift your voices in praise!**

One: God touches our hearts through family and friends.

**ALL: Come lift your voices in praise!**

One: God loves us and blesses us with everything good.

**ALL: Come and worship!**

One: God loves us and overwhelms us with never-ending generosity.

**ALL: Come and worship!**

One: God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance!

**ALL: Come and worship!**

*from the Mennonite Church Canada*

Opening Song "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #610

Prayer of Confession Liturgist

**ALL: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we**

can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist

One: Hear the good news!

Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**ALL: Thanks be to Jesus Christ, Savior and King. Amen**

Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

**ALL: Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading

Liturgist

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

One: This is the Word of The Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading Mark 7:24-37

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One: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord.

**ALL: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reflection

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## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Responsive Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

#649

## Offering with Offertory

☪ Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

☪ Prayer of Dedication

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**ALL:** Generous Father, thank you that all things were created through you and for you, you are before all things, and in you, all things exist. Your word says that we should bring our tithes and offerings into your storehouse so that you are honored. Accept the gifts we place before you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

## Moment for Mission

Prayers of the People and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### SENDING THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD WITH THE WORD

☪ Closing Hymn “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” #310

☪ Benediction Pastor Brenda

☪ Response “May the God of Hope Go With Us” #765

## Postlude



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10:30am Worship Service