

OCTOBER 17 WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome

Call To Worship:

God who is One, You call us to be one,

May we be one with all who are made in Your image.

God who is Three, You call us to be community,

May we find community with all who are called by Your name.

God who calls us all by Your name,

May we find our place in Your eternal family.

Welcome to this place:

where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,

where heaven and earth embrace in peace,

where God has been, is, and always will be.

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

where we find God's love,

where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,

where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

where we bring our hunger, and find food;

where we our brokenness, and find healing;

where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

Help us to find you, God in Community, Holy in One,

As we gather today in worship around your Word and Table.

Song: Jesus Strong and Kind

God's Greeting

Songs: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord (if practice time allows)

Confession (based on Ezekiel 18:1-32 and Philippians 2:1-13)

God of our salvation,

we falter before the demands of your Word

and turn away from your call to life.

Pour out your mercy on us

as you showed mercy to your people of old,

that we may turn from our sinfulness

and walk the path of self-emptying love

made known in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**We want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory,
but so often our hardened hearts remain.**

We would like to be transformed people,
but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you.

**We long to stand with those who are in need,
but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment.**

Forgive us, God who came down to us.

Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost.

**Split open our frozen hearts,
that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting.**

**Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit,
that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ,**

**our Lord and Savior,
into that kingdom of grace and hope.**

**Song: *Not What My Hands Have Done*
(birthday song for Cathy Plantinga)**

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news:

in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished.

You are forgiven, you are made new.

**We will complete God's joy
by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope,
with everyone we meet.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Communion

Song: *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Philippians 2:14-30

Sermon: Joy! Shining Like the Stars

**Songs: *Fill Thou My Life*
 *Hope of the Nations***

God's Parting Blessing

Song: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Offerings

- 1. Woody Nook Ministries**
- 2. Pregnancy Care Centre**