

## January 22, 2023 Worship Service

Pre-service *Sing: Goodness of God*

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on 1 Kings 8: 22-30)

*King Solomon prays before the people of Israel:*

Can it be that You, God, will actually move into our neighbourhood,  
here on this small planet earth?

The cosmos itself isn't large enough to give you breathing room!

Look! Heaven and earth cannot contain You,

much less this house of prayer

which we have built and cherished.

**May we see you and know you, King of the Universe.**

**Here in this place may we know your greatness.**

There is no god like you, God of Jesus,

neither on earth nor elsewhere in the whole universe!

A God who keeps every promise

and shows unswerving love to your servants

who with all their hearts walk in your ways.

**Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer,**

**in whom we live and move and have our being.**

*Song: Be unto Your Name or Immortal Invisible*

God's Greeting

*Song: Oceans*

*Seek Ye First*

Confession (inspired by Proverbs 1:20-33)

We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own.

We turn away from the ideas of others

and ignore the possibility and promise that come

from life together with you.

Most of all,

we drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention,

for we believe that we know better

or would prefer to decide where we make her welcome.

**Forgive us, loving God.**

**Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you,**

**and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you.**

**Show us how to walk in your ways**

**and listen to your promise each and every day.**

*Song: More Precious than Silver*

Assurance:

As children of the Most High,  
we are forgiven and brought into the kingdom.  
He fills us with Godly wisdom,  
enabling us to lead lives worthy of our inheritance,  
and bear fruit in all we say and do and think.

Dedication to Holy Living:

**God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins,  
setting aside judgment to shower us with mercy.  
We will go and do likewise.**

**We will go into the world trusting with our hearts  
the wisdom God gives to all who seek to follow His will.**

**When called to lead, we will do so with humility and confidence in  
God.**

**Called to be a sign of Jesus' presence in this world,  
we will share compassion with all whom we encounter.**

**We will live wisely in God's name,  
and glorify God in all we do.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Song: Trust and Obey*

Reader's Theatre

*Children's Song: The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock*

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Sermon

*Song: You Are My Vision*

Congregational Prayer

Offering (presentation)

God's Parting Blessing

*Song: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*