

CELEBRATION OF LIFE HYMN SING 2022 - Version 2

PRELUDE Miniature Suite for Organ - Intermezzo *Healey Willan*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge this day,
that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,
and the other indigenous peoples who preceded them – the original nations of this land –
and we acknowledge, with respect, their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

MUSICAL INTROIT Prelude *William Harris*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle called the Christ Candle to remind ourselves of the presence of Christ in our midst. Christ promised to be among us whenever and wherever two or three gather in his name.
God's Word educates the mind
And God's Light educates the heart
Through God, we learn about life
And we learn about love.

HYMN VU #238 How Great Thou Art (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

IN MEMORY OF

Loren & Clarence Dunbar

Ron Elliott – husband

Bill Timmins & Jim Seeley – nephews

Alba Haley- Donna Mowry's mother

SPONSORED BY

Gord Dunbar

Sheila Elliott

LIGHTING OF THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE

We light this candle as a symbol of those we remember, those named and those unnamed, and to remind us to celebrate the life they shared with us.

READING: Have You Earned Your Tomorrow?

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

This day is almost over and its toiling time is through;

Is there anyone to utter a kindly word of you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along?

Or a churlish sort of "Howdy" and then vanish in the throng?

Were you selfish pure and simple as you rushed along the way,

Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,

That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;

Does a man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day, or lose it, was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say,
You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?
Edgar Guest

HYMN #577 I've Got Peace Like A River (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

IN MEMORY OF

Ann Gordon

SPONSORED BY

her daughters:

**Mary Helen Musselman, Carol Gordon
Heather Gordon & Joanne McCallum**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we gather this day, either in person or by ZOOM, to celebrate life –

The life we have been given by God,

The life we share with one another in community,

The life that Jesus gives in abundance.

Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

And let us worship God.

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

We are greeted in peace and in love

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator

We worship in hope and with grace

Welcome this day to our community of faith

Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

So friends, let us worship God.

Amen

HYMN VU #670 Precious Lord, Take My Hand (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

IN MEMORY OF

Glen Holmes

SPONSORED BY

Elaine Holmes

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Almighty God, we remember those who in times past,
lived in our midst and walked in your way;**

**Those who were responsible for directing our steps into your way and opening
our eyes to your truth;**

**Those who inspired our hearts by their daily witness and strengthened our wills
by their faith and courage.**

We give thanks for their lives dedicated to your service.

We honour them both in their living and in their dying.

Keep us in faith and fellowship with them,

as they follow Christ and finally unite us with them in the joy of your heavenly kingdom. Amen

HYMN VU #266 Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound (vs. 1, 2 & 5)

IN MEMORY OF

Karen Nancekivell & Glen Holmes

Alba Haley, Donna's mother

SPONSORED BY

Jack Nancekivell

Stu & Donna Mowry

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)

**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.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

HYMN MV#154 Deep in Our Hearts (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

IN MEMORY OF

**The people of Ukraine
and other war-torn countries**

SPONSORED BY

Howard & Marion Brown

SCRIPTURE: John 10:23-30 (New Revised Standard Version page 104)

Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. **I give them eternal life and they will never perish.** No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

HYMN VU #395 Come In, Come In And Sit Down (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

IN MEMORY OF

**Husband John Buffo
Parents Bert & Hazel Bell
Sisters Audrey Weiss & Betty Moulton
Brother Clayton Bell**

SPONSORED BY

Marilyn Buffo

SHARING TIME

Donna Mowry

HYMN VU #575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

IN MEMORY OF

SPONSORED BY

**Dotty's parents -
Harold & Mildred Fenton**

Gregg & Dotty McClelland

**Husband Wib Burnside
Lifelong friends Mary McGarvey
& Doris Bradley**

Helen Burnside

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, we confess the moments when, in spite of the evidence of the scriptures, we do not believe in you. We even doubt the ongoing presence and power of Christ at work in this world. Forgive us for our loss of faith and help us to restore this faith, transform our innermost being, we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives and heals us.

God's desire is to restore us in grace and love.

May we trust this and live as forgiven people

so we might offer that forgiveness to others. Amen

HYMN #296 This is God's Wondrous World (vs. 1, 2, & 3)

IN MEMORY OF

SPONSORED BY

**Brother-in-law Cliff Gussie
Brother-in-law Ray Rathwell**

Lee & Sharon Cox

Norman, Anne & Andrew Perry

Emily Perry

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23- A Psalm of David – (New International Version)

The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

DOXOLOGY MV #89 Love is the Touch (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son; love is the kingdom
their will has begun; love is the path which the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

HYMN VU #710 Shall We Gather at the River (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

IN MEMORY OF

**Ken Willoughby
Evelyn Henderson
Kelvin Henderson
Ronald Henderson**

SPONSORED BY

Pat Porter

**Husband Murray Johnson
Parents Cliff & Elizabeth Geddes**

Jean Johnson

READING: LIFE IS BUT A STOPPING PLACE

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the lord

HYMN VU #291 All Things Bright And Beautiful (vs. 1, 2 & 5)

IN MEMORY OF

**Husband Stan Clements
Parents Elsie & Stan Furlonger
Parents-in-law Geoffrey & Esther Hubbard
Lou and Paul Core**

SPONSORED BY

Jackie Clements

**Conrad and Helen Michielson,
Glen Holmes, & Karen Nancekivell**

Rad & Debbie Michielson

MEMORIAL LITANY

Let us call to mind the great and good, through whom the Lord has done wonders.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

Wise and eloquent in their teachings, they were just and loving in their deeds.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

The beauty of their lives will shine forever.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

At the rising of the sun and at its going down, we remember them.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

In the wind and chill of winter, in the opening buds of spring, in the rustling leaves of autumn, in the warm and sun of summer, we remember them.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

In the beginning of the year and at its ending, we will remember them.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

When we are weary and in need of strength, when we are lost and sick at heart, when we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

In gratitude for all the blessings our loved ones, friends, teachers and students have brought to us, we dedicate ourselves anew, to the faith and work for which they lived and died and to the tasks which they have bequeathed to us. Let them be remembered for blessing, O God, together with the righteous of all peoples and let us all say:

Amen! Amen! Amen!

HYMN VU #639 One More Step Along the World I Go (vs. 1, 2 & 5)

IN MEMORY OF

**Dear friends Gillian Beasley,
Gillian Francis, Nancy Keehn,
Phyllis Gairnes-Ellis, and Carolyn McMahon**

SPONSORED BY

Jackie Clements

**My husband Don, daughter Lynne
& grandsons Matthew and Joel**

Sue Maus

READING – ANOTHER BEATITUDE

Blessed are they who understand
my faltering step and shaking hand,
Blessed are they who know my ears today
must strain to catch the things they say,
Blessed are they who seem to know
my eyes are dim and my mind is slow,
Blessed are they who looked away
when I spilled my tea on the cloth that day.
Blessed are they who, with a cheery smile,
stopped to chat for a little while,
Blessed are they who know the way
to bring back memories of yesterday,

Blessed are they who never say,
"You've told that story twice today!"
Blessed are they who make it known
that I'm loved, respected and not alone,
And blessed are they who will ease the days
of my journey home in loving ways.
Elizabeth Clark

HYMN Church in the Wildwood (verse 1, 2 & 4)

IN MEMORY OF

Our Parents

**Grandparents Edwin & Elizabeth Bell
and Tom & Bertha Donaldson**

SPONSORED BY

Ralph & Mary-Anne Knowles

Marilyn Buffo

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, we are thankful for your faithfulness. Thank you that we can always trust in you. You are an abundant God and out of your great mercy, you have given us so much. We offer our gifts (our time, talent and treasure) to continue to share your love in our church, our community and the world. Please now take our gifts and use them for your kingdom and your glory. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN I Come to the Garden (vs, 1, 2 & 3)

IN MEMORY OF

My wife Diana

Neil and Vera McCannel

SPONSORED BY

Gerry Stephens

John & Mary Phillips

PRAYER

Ever-living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our days together. Time has passed and still we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a dull pain abides; for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of life are broken but the links of love and longing cannot break. Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

And we remember as well, the members who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and laboured for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours. Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great crowd of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving. They are alive for evermore. Amen

HYMN VU #412 This is the Day (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

IN MEMORY OF

Howard & Doris Phillips

SPONSORED BY

John & Mary Phillips

BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING by Saint Patrick

May the strength of God pilot us,

May the wisdom of God instruct us,

May the hand of God protect us,

May the word of God direct us.

(Go in Peace)

SONG OF COMMITMENT 161 I Have Called You By Your Name

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.

POSTLUDE The Price of Denmark's March *Jeremiah Clark*