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Reflection

“Follow your bliss and don't be afraid, and doors will open”
Joseph Campbell

Pre-service Music & Welcome

GATHERING

One: We acknowledge this sacred land on which Kimbourne Park United Church operates. It has been a site of human activity for 15,000 years. This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the New Credit. The territory was the subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this territory.

Hymn: MV 161 "I Have Called You by Your Name"

One: We gather in community to rest from our labours, to greet our neighbours, and to open our being to insight and intuition of that greater reality of which we are a part. Adapt. P.H. L'Herrou

Carol: So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of this life.
The Community Candle is lit.
 This flame is warm as the companionship of friends is warm.

Opening Sentences

One: God's breath stirs the snowbanks that line the sidewalk and the traffic signs along the street.

ALL: May we feel this presence with us.

One: God's voice speaks in winter thunder storms and a cold winds, in poem and concert hall.

ALL: May we listen for this word among us.

One: God imagines bonfires and bustling ski hills, silent frozen lakes and welcoming meals.

ALL: May we seek this will beyond us.

Act of Awareness

ALL: **We pray. We are bold to claim we sense a sacred presence in this place. May it awaken within again the wonder that humbles us, the beauty that informs us, and the creativity that heightens and deepens our living, so that we may give ourselves in honesty and openness to the larger life before us. May it be so.**

Adapt. C. Wells

Hymn: "God Has Chosen Me"

God has chosen me,
 God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor;
 God has chosen me,
 God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light:
 God has chosen me, chosen me.

*refrain: And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,
 To remove oppression and break down fear,
 Yes, God's time is near, God's time is near,
 God's time is near, God's time is near.*

God has chosen me,
 God has chosen me to set alight a new fire;
 God has chosen me,
 God has chosen me to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth:
 God has chosen me, chosen me.

refrain

God is calling me,
 God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard;
 God is calling me,
 God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice,
 God is calling me, calling me.

refrain

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The Peace

One: Let us take a moment to celebrate each other. The peace of God is here to stay.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**
 You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

Children's Time

Children of all ages are invited to come to the front.

Solo: "I Am Calling You"

CENTERING

Cathie: All My Life

Joyce Keller Source unknown

All my life I've wanted to believe in God,
gone to church,
followed every spiritual teacher in town,
meditated and prayed,
attended 12-step programs,
but still I felt abandoned and alone in the universe.

All my life I've wanted to see the face of God.
Is he really just a mean old man in the sky?
Perhaps God is a chubby Buddha,
or maybe the Dalai Lama, always laughing.
Or is she a woman, the green Tara, weeping pearl tears,
the Virgin of Guadalupe, crowned with roses?

All my life I've tried to solve that old mystery,
Who are we?
Where did we come from?
Why are we here?

Then one day I saw the pictures
sent back by the Hubble Telescope:
Hot blue stars born out of the red glow of galaxies,
a pulsating firestorm of fluorescent clouds,
the obsidian sky of deep space.

Spirals of comets, like swirling diamond necklaces.
Black holes, exploding supernovas,
a hundred thousand light-years away,
endless, unimaginable, eternal.

And I knew that finally I had seen the face of God.

Music Meditation

Gospel Acclamation: "Celtic Alleluia"

Cantor: *Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.*

Gospel: John 1:43-48

NRSV

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

MV 110 "First-born of Mary"

First-born of Mary, provocative teacher,
Itinerant preacher, outsider's choice;
Jesus inspires and disarms and confuses
Whoever he chooses to hear his voice.

Contemporary Word: Bliss?

Hymn: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

Words att. to S. Sundar Singh

CELEBRATING

Offertory Invitation

One: The sacred practice of giving is never about our surplus or what we may have in the future. A holy practice of giving asks us to share now, trusting simply that we can all have enough.

Offertory Hymn: VU 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Offertory Prayer

ALL: O God, you offer us wonderful gifts. In these offerings, may we make for change that doesn't yet exist. May we give it a name. May we move through our fears. May we dare to call this hope wonderful, in the hope of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Elsa A. Cook

Prayers of the People

A New Creed (sung)

music: Andrew Aitchinson

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

SCATTERING

Words of Mission

One: Let us go in faith to ponder in our hearts the mystery and the wonder of this season called Epiphany.

The candles are extinguished.

One: Gathered together

ALL: We wait for the light.

One: Standing together

ALL: We trust in the light.

One: Praying together

ALL: We hope for the light.

One: Seeking together

ALL: We step out with the light.

One: Singing together

ALL: We are blessed by the light.

T.Watt

MV 209 "Go Make a Diff'rence"

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world! (Repeat)

Words of Blessing

One: Go now in joy, connecting one with another, living in, and creating a community full of welcome, inclusion and value.

Sung Amen: VU 974

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!



NEWS | UPDATES

Our next board meeting will be tomorrow evening
Monday, January 15 7:00 PM in the Jessie Scott room.

Next Games Night is **February 11** 5:00-10:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

ACT!ON SUNDAY is next Sunday January 21.

This is not a reason not to come to church but the way that we are church
in our neighbourhood.

Speak to Suzanne today to see how you are key to making this ACT!ON
SUNDAY a success.

THANKS TO YOU

Our Christmas Market place on December 2nd was a huge success with a
total income of **\$3228.85**. This is significantly more than the previous year.
Thanks to all who contributed and especially to organizers Gillian Shintani
and Shelley Wakefield.

Last Call: 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are ready on the **table in the narthex**. If you are not an envelope user
and would like a set for 2018 please see Nicole or contact her by phone or
email.

ABOUT PEW ENVELOPES

If you are a guest or an envelope user using the envelopes in the pews
please note that because we share our worship space with another church
there are two different envelopes on the hooks. **If you are making your
offering to Kimbourne Park UC kindly use the envelopes that are
printed "WELCOME"**.

ACM & ANNUAL REPORTS

Our 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting will be **Sunday February 25** during our 10:15 service. With the ACM we are looking **for more people to chair and support board committees**, with the greatest need being in property and a new worship committee. If you are looking to become more involved in the life of our church please speak to Michael, Nicole or one of the current board members.

Annual reports will be available 2 weeks prior to the ACM.

If you have a committee report to be included in the report it must be in the office by **January 28**. As a committee chair you are responsible to be sure that your report arrives by the deadline as reports that are not received in time will not be included.

PIE SALE

Having company for dinner? Want a special treat for yourself or the family? Our homemade, frozen pies are a delicious option. **Available in a variety of flavours and in two sizes.** Take one home today and bake in your oven or pre-order a baked pie. Either way, our pies are delicious and proceeds from sales support the United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund. It's a win-win. See Suzanne today for our menu and pricing.