

ORDER OF SERVICE
CLEBRATING CAMPING SUNDAY

April 28th 2024

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*Please Stand Where Able

MUSICAL PRELUDE

BIBLE OPENING

WELCOME & CELEBRATIONS

TIME OF PREPARATION & GROUNDING

GREETING

God is good,
All the time.
All the time,
God is good.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

(Sing Together – Choir First, then Congregation)

Fire's burning, fire's burning
Draw nearer, draw nearer
In the glowing, in the glowing
Come sing and be merry

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Leader: At some camps, a bell rings to signal
the beginning.
Let's begin Camping Sunday the same way.

Bell Rings

First Group: **The bell is ringing.**
Second Group: **We gather for instruction.**
First Group: **Let's go to the warmth of the
campfire.**

Second Group: **Can we bring s'mores?**
First Group: **Of course! We will all share the
warmth of God's love!**
Second Group: **Let's get started!**

***HYMN VU #289** *“It Only Takes a Spark
(Pass It On),”*

OPENING PRAYER *(unison)*

Creator God, We thank you for bringing us
together in this place, to celebrate the recreation,
the re-creation, of enjoying the fun and community
of camping.

We thank you for all the people in our lives, and
especially those who have gathered with us.
We also thank you for all of creation; the hills and
trees, the rocks, the water, the animals of field and
forest.

We thank you for your love for us; the love that we
in turn share with one another.

Open our hearts to receive your word, to learn
more about creation and your love.

Guide us in your love and the spirit of creation
so that we might be examples for others to follow.
Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsive)*

Dear God, we love your creation,
yet sometimes refuse to care enough for it.
We love our neighbours as you have taught us,
**yet sometimes we hurt them or refuse to
allow our differences to transform us.**
Your love for us surrounds us in every way,
yet sometimes we fail to acknowledge it.
Out of your timeless greatness, dear God,
please keep loving and forgiving us.

Guide us to do, say, and think according to your will.
**Guide us to live in respectful relationship
with creation.**

And when there are temptations or other examples to
follow that lead us away from you,
we ask that you set us aright, yet again.
Our trust in you is complete.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is the beginning, and through God all things have
come into being.

**God is life and that life brings abundant
freedom and live-giving peace for all people.**
God's love shines in the most difficult times, and
nothing can separate us from that love.

Sung Response VU#958 – “Halle, Halle, Halle”

SPECIAL MUSIC

WE HEAR THE WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES

*Dedication of the Proceeds from the Lenten
Coin Challenge for Lambton Centre*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 15: 1-8

REFLECTION

“Camping Might Be Just What We Need”

***HYMN VU #646** *(1 verse)*

“We Are Marching to the Light of God”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

INVITATION to Generosity

*We have a "Giving Station" at each Entrance
and one plate that will remain at the back entrance
throughout the service.*

***Please Stand for the Offering Hymn while the
Offering is brought forward**

Sung Response "What Can I Do?" (2 times)

*What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Teach us, God, to offer
the very best of who we are
in the service of your will
through the mission of this church:
may we offer hope, joy, and reconciliation
in the world so much in need.
Receive what we give for
the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen**

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer..... AMEN

*HYMN # MV#145

"Draw the Circle Wide"

(Refrain)

Draw the circle wide, Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the stillpoint of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns:
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.

Refrain

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.

Refrain

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.

Refrain

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

* SONG BLESSING MV #92 (vs 1 only)

"Like A Rock"

Organist will play through once
Sing Together 2 times through

*Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in
God evermore.*

POSTLUDE



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