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PRELUDE

WELCOME & INVITATION

LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH: *(Announcements)*

LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP:

People of God,
look around and see the faces of those we know and love—
neighbours and friends, sisters and brothers—
a community of kindred hearts.

People of God,
look around and see the faces of those we hardly know—
strangers, visitors, forgotten friends—
the ones who need an outstretched hand.

People of God,
look around and see all the images of God assembled here.
In me, in you, in each of us,
God's spirit shines for all to see.

People of God, come. Let us worship together.

OPENING PRAYER:

Wondrous God:

**you touch our lives with healing and with justice;
new life is your gift.**

**We praise you for the Good News
which is ours through Jesus Christ.**

May this time of worship nourish us
with your promise of meaning and purpose.

May we be empowered to carry your goodness
into the coming week.

We pray in Jesus' name, our Source and Saviour. Amen.

***HYMN: “Creator God You Gave Us Life” (#27 MV)**

1. Creator God you gave us life,
your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole.

Refrain:

**Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.**

2. In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,
we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love,
expressed in our humanity.

Refrain:

**Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.**

3. When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God. **R**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of love and of grace, you know the secrets of our hearts:
how blind we are to our own faults, yet harsh in judging others;
how swift we are to take for gain, yet slow to give for others;
how proud we are of our success, yet grudging in our praise of
others.

Remember, O God, your tender care and love unfailing.

Do not remember our sins and offences, but remember us in your
goodness, in accordance with your endless mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you.
Take hold of this forgiveness,
and live your life in the spirit of Jesus.

Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE: “Halle, Halle” (#958 VU)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THEME CONVERSATION

***HYMN: “Jesus Put This Song into Our Hearts”**

(#26 Rainbow)

1. Jesus put this song into our hearts
Jesus put this song into our hearts
It's a song of joy no one can take away.
Jesus put this song into our hearts.
2. Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony;
Different faces, different races, he made us one.
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony.
3. Jesus taught us how to be a family,
Jesus taught us how to be a family;
Loving one another with the love that he gives.
Jesus taught us how to be a family.
4. Halle, Halle, Hallelujah.
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah.
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah.
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah.

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 5

5 Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. ² Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. ⁵ "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents^[b] of silver, six thousand shekels^[c] of gold and ten sets of clothing. ⁶ The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

⁷ As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!" ⁸ When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

¹¹ But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy.

¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than

all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.¹³ Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!"¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

9:15 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" – Choristers

11:00 "River in Judea" – Senior Choir

REFLECTION

RESPONSE

THE OFFERING

***HYMN: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (#684 VU)**

1 Make me a channel of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

2 Make me a channel of your peace:

where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3 O Spirit, grant that I may never seek

so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4 Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

***OFFERTORY: “In Gratitude and Humble Trust” (#544 VU)**

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN: “Let There Be Light” (#679 VU omit vs 2)**

1 Let there be light, let there be understanding,

let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;

3 perish the sword, perish the angry judgment,

perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;

- 4 hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom, hallowed by your name;
- 5 your kingdom come, your spirit turn to language,
your people speak together, your spirit never fade;
- 6 let there be light; open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

***SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING:**

"Sing Amen" (#431 VU)

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen, amen,
amen, we praise your name, O God.

Asithi: Amen, siyakudumisa. Asithi: Amen,
Siyakudumisa. Asithi: Amen, Baba, amen,
Baba, amen, siyakudumisa.

In the spirit of reconciliation, McClure United Church acknowledges that we gather on Treaty 6 land, which includes the Nêhiyawak (Cree) as original signatories and became the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. We also acknowledge the contributions of the Dakota and Round Prairie Métis peoples in establishing our city of Saskatoon and we extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and worship on this beautiful territory.

We also acknowledge that as an Affirming Ministry, we embrace diversity and strive to be a safe place for all people regardless of age, race, gender, culture, education, ability, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation or gender identity.