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**Communion**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & INVITATION**

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

**LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE**

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**Loving God, holy, healing, guiding,  
we come here to be your people, and to seek your Spirit.  
In Word, in hymn, in prayer, and in silence,  
in our own thoughts and deep conversation, we crave your  
presence, your goodness and your guidance.**

**In the midst of our hunger and our self-reliance, we lose touch with what is all important: your way of love and compassion. Loving God, holy, healing, guiding we come here to be your people and to seek your Spirit. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: “Psalm 100 Make a Joyful Noise” (#820 VU)**

***Refrain:***

**Make a joyful noise all the earth!  
Worship your God with gladness.  
Make a joyful noise all the earth.  
Come to this place with a song!**

- 1 Know that your God has made you.  
Know it's to God we belong.  
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.  
Worship your God with a song!      **R**
- 2 Enter these gates, thanks giving.  
Enter these courts with praise.  
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.  
Worship your God with a song!      **R**
- 3 Ages through endless ages,  
seasons of endless years,  
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.  
Worship your God with a song!      **R**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Loving God, when challenged to go out in service to a hurting world, we have closed our ears, our eyes, and we have turned away from others in their need. When confronted with choices, too often, we have chosen the easy road over the faithful way. Forgive us, we pray, and transform us by your**

**grace, that we might go forth in faith and in service trusting in your presence with us and your goodness in us. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Hear and believe the gospel's Good News: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

**God's light and love in Jesus Christ shine upon us.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**SUNG RESPONSE: "Halle, Halle" (#958 VU)**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**SCRIPTURE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

9:15am Soloist – Tamara Ferguson

11am "Come, Share the Lord" – Senior Choir

**REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN: "All Who Hunger" (#460 VU)**

1 All who hunger, gather gladly;

holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,

All around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
In communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
Live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

## **RESPONSE**

### **THE OFFERING**

**\*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.

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## INVITATION

## THE COMMUNION LITANY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open up your hearts.

**We open them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

So it is that we join the song of all creation to  
proclaim your goodness:

*(Sung:)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving,

we may so offer ourselves to you

that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## **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.**

## **THE BREAKING AND THE SHARING**

### **“I am the Bread of Life”** (#201 MV)

I am the bread of life broken for the world,  
I am the cup poured out for all.  
Those who believe in me will never die.  
I am the life of the world.

### **“Bread for the Journey”** (#202 MV)

Bread for the journey, food for the way.  
Cup of God's blessing, tomorrow, today.

### **“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”** (#470 VU)

- 1 For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 By this promise that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We give you thanks O God, who is both Sower and Baker, both Creator and Sustainer, that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world united in courage and peace. Through the power of Christ living in us, we pray. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (#481 VU)**

1. Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God’s grace did invite us, God’s love shall unite us  
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

## **\*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.

## **POSTLUDE**

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.