



## PRAYER OF HUMILITY

**CHORAL RESPONSE** "Kyrie Eleison" MV #68

*O God have mercy,  
O God have mercy,  
O God have mercy,  
have mercy on us.*

**\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER** (*responsively*)

The God of love and peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**SHARING A STORY** (*with those of all ages*)

**SINGING A SONG** "Here In This Ordinary Place"

May we awake, awaken  
To the presence of God  
The presence of God  
The presence of God  
May we awake, awaken  
To the presence of God  
Here in this ordinary place.

*(Chorus)*

Here, here in this ordinary place.  
Here, here in this ordinary place.

May we awake, awaken  
To the power of love  
The power of love  
The power of love.  
May we awake, awaken  
To the power of love  
Here in this ordinary place.

*(Chorus)*

Here, here in this ordinary place.  
Here, here in this ordinary place.

And may we build a community of  
Justice for all  
Justice for all  
Justice for all  
And may we build communities of justice for all  
Here in this ordinary place.

*(Chorus)*

Here, here in this ordinary place.  
Here, here in this ordinary place.

*ENGAGING*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Anne Brooks*

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

John 20:19-31

### REFLECTION

### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

### GIFT OF MUSIC

*RESPONDING*

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Bev Murphy*

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

**Holy One,  
we yearn to walk in the warmth of your sacred light.  
Thanks, then, for meeting us where we are.  
In the face of uncertainty, grant us peace.  
Help us live as those who've encountered the resurrected  
Christ.  
Amen**

## MEDITATIVE MUSIC

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(responsively)*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER – VU #921 (Ecumenical Version) *(in unison)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*GOING OUT (as God's people)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CLOSING HYMN

"I Am the Light of the World"

VU # 87

*Refrain*

*"I am the light of the world!  
You people come and follow me!"  
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.*

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,  
the work of Christmas is begun:

*Refrain*

To find the lost and lonely one,  
to heal the broken soul with love,  
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,  
to feel the earth below, the sky above!

*Refrain*

To free the prisoner from all chains,  
to make the powerful care,  
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,  
to see God's children everywhere!

*Refrain*

To bring hope to every task you do,  
to dance at a baby's new birth,  
to make music in an old person's heart,  
and sing to the colours of the earth!

*Refrain*

## BLESSING

### CHORAL CLOSING – "Easter People"

***We are an Easter people  
and alleluia is our song!  
We are an Easter people  
and alleluia, alleluia, alleluia is our song!***

## POSTLUDE

## *Church News*

The regular office hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM,  
closed for lunch from 12:00 to 12:30.

The May / June Upper Rooms are available in the Narthex.

**Peanut Butter Update** - As of April 8, 2021, 154 jars of Peanut Butter have been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center. Peanut butter can be dropped off at the church office anytime during office hours; cheques can be delivered or mailed to the Bathurst Volunteer Center at 464 King Ave., Bathurst NB E2A 1P5. Please indicate on your cheque that it is for the purchase of Peanut Butter for the First United contribution.

**Reminder** – As the in-person worship services have resumed, if you plan to attend the service, please call the church office at 546-3532 by Friday morning, and give Margaret the name(s) and phone number(s) for yourself and anyone in your bubble who will be sitting with you. A seating plan will be pre-arranged based on the required physical distancing rules. *As seating capacity will be much less than usual, please call the office if your plans change and you are unable to attend.* On-line services will continue, on a delayed basis, as the in-person service will be recorded and then uploaded to the church website and Facebook page in due course.

**A series of educational events are being offered by the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council Affirm Standing Committee**

1). The next event is now open for registration:

**April 15, 2021: What is Ableism?**

Register now at: [https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0kf-2qrDMpE9ILop\\_V5o2JifD5dO9NYSZ8](https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0kf-2qrDMpE9ILop_V5o2JifD5dO9NYSZ8)

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the event.*

The webinar will take place from **2:00 pm to 3:15 pm (Atlantic)** using zoom video conferencing. Please share this information with your committees/networks and save the date in your calendars!

2). **Future Date** (Registration and details to follow closer to the event date):

**May 13, 2021: Creating Safe Spaces**

3). Resources and materials from the first two education events **Gender Diversity and Becoming an Ally** and **Becoming an Anti-Racist Church** are now available on the regional website:

<https://ucceast.ca/affirm-committee/>.

## **NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **ACTS 4:32-35**

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

#### **PSALM 133**

1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

#### **JOHN 20:19-31**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.