

AGM Worship

April 3, 2024



Welcome

Good afternoon or evening wherever you are, beloved people! It is with deep gratitude that we welcome you to this gathering of word, silence and prayer.

Please have at the ready a candle that you can light. Mute your zoom

Please feel to speak along with us as you are able, your parts are in bold.

We GATHER.....

The grace of Jesus Christ

The love of God

And the communion of the Holy Spirit

Be with you all

And Also with you.

Call to Worship

We gather to worship and celebrate your holy presence.....

Be with us as we worship

**Help us to trust in the fresh beginning
of each new day in your love.**

May it be so.

Christ Light

Long ago there was a light that shone so brightly that it frightened some powerful people..... Love returned, this light, will never be extinguished again.

light your candle the candle

This light lives among us at the dawn of each new day.

**This love is in my heart and in your heart
and in the spirit of this incredible creation.**

It is the light that calls us beautiful and beloved

We are people of the Light. AMEN

Lectio Divina

Scripture: Mark 16: 1-8

Silence 1 minute

In the way of Lectio Divina, let us listen with the ears of our hearts, for words and images. Please feel free to record your thoughts.

Scripture: Mark 16: 1-8

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

WE give thanks for these Sacred and Holy words

For your Contemplation and Discernment

How is God speaking to you? Through scripture, gathering in community, through people, in music or silence? What questions are emerging for you? about your faith? Your life? Your life in faith? The Centre for Christian Studies?

Silence: 2 minutes of silence

A Few Words: Alan Lai

Prayer (your parts are in bold)

Life-maker –our very soul cries out for you: In the morning I linger at the sunrise eager for the light to embrace our souls; **At dusk as we crumple in the shadows restless for your dawn-light to replenish my thirst for you.**

May my eyes be open to your creation-sanctuary, alive to the wonders that speak of you for this evidence is you constant-promise and **our soul dances in praise of you.**

We will speak words of thanks and live a life of thankfulness all the days of our lives.

This is our prayer, in word, in deed, through all of life.

On this blessing, I shall feast and be satisfied and our every breath will be a canticle of praise.

May I wake in the morning singing it and let it lull me to sleep as I lie down at night, your constant promise, your forever love, your always-presence.

Blessed are we who mourn for our beloved people of faith, let us remain in grief's cold winter for as long as it takes, may our mourning be to our hearts the gentlest springtime.

Today, we remember the following, please let us read the names on the screen together;

WE Remember and Give thanks for

Laura Balas	(Donor)
Paul Campbell	(Volunteer)
Barbara Curzon	(UCC 1994)
Rosemary Draper	(ACC 1959)

Helen Hume	(UCC 1988)
Phyllis Ilsley	(ACC 1963)
Elinor Johns	(UCC 1968)
June Lockhart	(UCC 1958)
Cam Mackie	(Volunteer)
Shirley Munro	(UCC 1958)
Michael Peers	(Friend)
Esmin Peters	(ACC 1961)
Valerie Reed	(UCC 1984)
Margaret Scott	(UCC 1977)
Diane Trollope	(UCC 1970)
Dawn Wood	(UCC 1986)

Please take a moment to name other that you are morning for during this time

Let us say together the prayer that Jesus taught the first disciples...

Our holy Parent, Our Mother,

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 forever. Amen.

Commission & Benediction

Go now from this service of worship

to the service of God's people near and far,

refreshed by the living water found in this community.

We Listen for the parched voices of the least of these;

search out the dry places and the arid souls,

and become for them a spring of living water.

And as you go, may the blessings of the God of life,

the Christ of love, and the Spirit of grace

be upon you this day and forevermore. **Amen**