



Woden Valley Uniting Church
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He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."
Mark 6:31

We Gather as people of God

Prelude Music

Acknowledgement of Country

Lighting the worship candle

Call to worship

Come into the presence of God
**We come with songs of praise
and shouts of thanksgiving.**
Christ frees us from slavery;
Christ heals us;
Christ is our peace.
We have gathered in this holy temple
Of the Lord.
Come; let us worship!

Song: TIS 445

1 Jesus, where'er your people meet,
there they behold your mercy seat;
where'er they seek you, you are found,
and ev'ry place is hallowed ground.

2 For you, within no walls confined,
are dwelling in the humble mind;
such ever bring you where they come,
and going, take you to their home.

3 Dear Shepherd of your chosen few,
your former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of your saving name.

4 Here may we prove the pow'r of pray'r
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heav'n before our eyes.

5 Lord, we are few, but you are near;
nor short your arm, nor deaf your ear;
O rend the heav'ns, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts your own.

Welcome

Prayer of Confession

**Creator God,
your love endures forever.
But we act as if we are in control,
over a virus,
over the environment,
over our lives,
As if you will bless whatever we do.**

**If we think of others at all,
it is with an eye
toward their usefulness to us.**

**If we consider your creation,
it is to ponder what benefits us.**

**We have failed to show your love,
We have failed to show your
compassion.
We have no right to be called your
children.**

**Yet you still love us,
and you forgive our sins.**

**Put your Spirit within us,
so our lives are lived as
Christ lived.
Use us to break down walls of hostility
within the church,
among the nations,
and around the world.
Equip us to do your will,
giving you glory,
honour, and praise
together with Christ,
and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
always with you!

And also with you.

Let us share signs of peace with one
another

*Remaining where you are, please turn to your
neighbours and share a sign of the peace.*

Song: TiS 544,
God has a table

Since the world was young
there's a song that's been sung
of a promise coming true:
hungry folk will eat
and long-lost friends will meet
and the Lord will make all things new.

*Chorus
God has a table
where he calls his friends
to a feast that never ends;
God has a table
and one day we'll meet him there.*

Jesus saw a crowd
who were hungry, and vowed
that they didn't have much food.
So he fed that bunch
with a little boy's lunch
as a sign that God is good.

Chorus

Jesus told a tale
of how rich people fail
to accept God's summons to dine.
Then before their eyes
those without earthly ties
share heaven's finest food and wine.

Chorus

Till we hear that word
from the mouth of the Lord
saying, 'Join me at my table',
for the world we'll care
and its good things we will share
as long as we are able.

Chorus
God has a table
where he calls his friends
to a feast that never ends;
God has a table
and one day we'll meet him there.

We Reflect on the Word

First reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-16

Singing the Psalms: Psalm 89

Refrain:

***I will sing of the mercies of the Lord
forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord..***

20 I have found my servant David;
with holy oil I have anointed him;
21 My hand will hold him fast;
my arm also shall strengthen him.
24 My faithfulness and steadfast love shall
be with him;
and in my name he shall be exalted.
25 I will set his hand on the sea;
and his right hand on the rivers.

Refrain

26 He shall say to me,
'You are my Protector, my God,
and the Rock of my salvation!'
28 Forever I will keep my steadfast love
for him and my covenant with him
will stand firm.
33 I will not remove from him my steadfast
love;
or be false to my faithfulness.

Refrain

34 I will not break my covenant, or alter
what has gone out from my lips.

35 Once and for all I have sworn by my
holiness; I will not lie to David.
36 His line shall endure forever,
and his throne as the sun.
37 It shall be established forever like the
moon, an abiding witness in the sky.

Refrain

Gospel reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Reflection

Music for reflection

We Respond to the Word

**Thoughts and comments on the
Reflection**

Prayers of the People

The care candle is lit

Offering

Song: TIS 666,

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
(Repeat)

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.
(Repeat)

We are living in the love of God...

We are moving in the power of God...

We are singing in the voice of God...

We Go out into the World

The Community Candle is extinguished

Words of Blessing

Seek out your neighbor in love.
If it is within your power,
 be reconciled to your enemies.
Hunger and thirst for the guidance of Christ,
 to dwell in your minds and hearts.

May God grant you peace
 in your sleeping
 and waking;
May Christ fill you with joy
 in your working
 and playing;
And may the Holy Spirit drive you
 with passion in your love for
 our Creator.

AMEN

Postlude

*(a time for quiet reflection
 – please remain seated)*

'This week' at Woden Valley Uniting Church

Notices

*Church News, Significant birthdays,
anniversaries or events*

Fellowship

*Morning tea is now served.
You are invited to share in the time of fellowship.*

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