RESPONSE

THE OFFERING

HYMN: "Who Is My Mother?" (#178 MV*)

*OFFERTORY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
(VU #541)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN: "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"
(#556 VU)

*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING:
"**You Shall Go Out with Joy**" *(#884 VU)*
You shall go out with joy
      and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
      will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
      and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap, clap)*
the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap, clap)*
the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap, clap)*
while you go out with joy.

McClure United Church acknowledges as we worship here today,
we are gathered in the traditional territory of the Cree, Salteaux,
and Assiniboine First Nations and Homeland of the Metis,
in the area most recently defined as Treaty 6.

And we also acknowledge that McClure United Church,
as an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada,
is one that embraces diversity and strives to include
and be a safe place for all people.

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May 12, 2019

PRELUDE

WELCOME & INVITATION

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

LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER:
Creator of Life and Love
  through the death and resurrection of Jesus
You affirmed the way of courage and hope
  over the forces of darkness and despair.
Create in us resurrected spirits
  so that we might be bearers of justice
    and proclaimers of a commonwealth for all.
Remembering the story of resurrection, we pray. Amen.

* HYMN: "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" *(#395VU)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
God, you know us more intimately than we know ourselves:
  love us into wholeness.
When the choices we make in life
  harm ourselves or others:
kindle the voice of conscience that we might
  reflect upon our actions.
When the circumstances of life drag us down
  and turn us bitter:
surround us with your loving presence
  and inspire us with hope and new possibilities.
Trusting in your care and contemplating your wisdom
  we pause in silence to reflect on our shortcomings
                - (silent prayer) -
Love us into life, live us into service, we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:
God's forgiveness is a 'welcome-back' hug.
  It is the meal of life lovingly prepared for us.
    It is the rising of the sun on a new day of possibilities.
Let us receive the love; forgive ourselves;
  and embrace the potential for our lives.

SUNG REFRAIN: "Halle, Hallelujah" *(#958 VU)*

WE *LISTEN FOR THE* WORD OF GOD

THEME CONVERSATION

*HYMN: "The Lord's My Shepherd" *(adapted)*

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23 (A Psalm of David)
The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
[2]   He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
[3]   he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
    for his name's sake.

[4] Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
    I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
    your rod and your staff—
    they comfort me.

[5] You prepare a table before me
    in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
    my cup overflows.
[6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
    all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
    my whole life long.

SPECIAL MUSIC:
    "For the Beauty of the Earth" - Sr. Choir

REFLECTION