

**McCLURE UNITED CHURCH**  
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**January 6, 2019**  
**Epiphany**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & INVITATION**

**LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**God, call us forward into this New Year**  
**recognizing the opportunity to start again.**  
**Help us to avoid old mistakes**  
**and to bring to bear on the living of our days**  
**the experience and wisdom we have gleaned from the past.**  
**Empower us with courage so that we might**  
**embrace and embody your vision of a commonwealth**  
**of love and justice for all.**  
**This is our prayer. Amen**

\* HYMN: "Make a Joyful Noise" (#820 VU)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We know how easy it is to let our days slip emptily away,**  
**untouched by our convictions of what life real ought to be.**  
**We know how easy it is to do nothing as a safeguard**  
**against actions that might put us at risk.**  
**At this time of new beginnings**  
**we seek to know your spirit within us,**  
**that we may have the courage to take the risk**  
**of walking towards peace and justice for all.**  
**May our days be filled with the purposefulness of**  
**following in the way of Jesus, we pray.**  
**Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

**Jesus came to set us free from all that holds us back.**  
**Let us receive his blessing, hear his invitation,**  
**and set our eyes upon a renewed life for our world.**

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

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**THEME CONVERSATION**

\*HYMN: "Jesus Bids Us Shine" (#585 VU)

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 26: 34 - 40

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

<sup>37</sup> He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake with me."

<sup>39</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." <sup>40</sup> Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not keep awake with me one hour?"

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

**"Follow the Light" *Sacred Sounds***

**REFLECTION**

**RESPONSE**

**THE OFFERING**

\*HYMN: "Bathe Me in Your Light" (#82 MV)

**\*OFFERTORY: “Grateful”** (#182 MV – chorus)

Grateful for the life you give us,  
Thankful for your Holy Son,  
Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love,  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,  
Joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN: “Shine Jesus Shine”** (#123 W&P)

**\*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING**

***“Take Up His Song”*** (MV #213)

Take up; his song of faith and go into the world.  
Take up his song of faith in ev’ry moment.  
In ev’ry moment of the journey,  
we’re laying down our lives;  
lay them down, in faith, lay them down,  
and take up his song.

*As an Affirming Ministry within the United Church of Canada, in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, by action of the Board of McClure United Church, March 28, 2017:*

McClure United Church acknowledges that for thousands of years Indigenous peoples have walked on this land, in their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. As we worship here today, we acknowledge that 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 acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

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 regardless of age, gender, race, culture, education, ability, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

