

McCLURE UNITED CHURCH

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE

INVITATION

Faith is not taught, but caught!

And so we tell the stories over and over –

the ancient stories of scripture

and the contemporary stories of our lives.

Might we discover God in the telling.

OPENING PRAYER

Move among us as we tell the stories

of this community and of its faithfulness.

Help us to recall the visions that captured our imagination

in days now past, and the commitment expended

to bring those visions to fulfillment.

Renew our discipleship,

such that we might again dream dreams

of how to enact your love in this time and place.

For Love's sake, we pray. Amen.

* HYMN: **“Make a Joyful Noise”** (#820 VU)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

The God revealed in Jesus

is full of grace and abounding in steadfast love.

Might we extend to ourselves the love that God intends,

and live with hope into tomorrow.

SUNG REFRAIN: “Halle, Hallelujah” (#958 VU)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THEME CONVERSATION

Hymn **“I am the Church”**

LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH: (Announcements)

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:16 - 20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”^[a]

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

SPECIAL MUSIC:

9:15 “We’ve Come This Far by Faith” *Solo: Tom Powell*

11:00 “We’ve Come This Far by Faith” *Sr. Choir*

SERMON

RESPONSE

THE OFFERING

*HYMN: **“The Church is Wherever”** (tune #579)

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

SPECIAL MUSIC:

11:00 “Somebody’s Praying” - *Sr. Choir*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN: **“Blest Be the Ties that Bind”** (#602 VU)

*COMMISSIONING

***BENEDICTION: “The Time has Come”**

**The time has come for us to leave
this care filled place.**

**The challenges of our lives and world
we now embrace.**

Rise up, rise up, and start anew your lives with grace.

The love of God magnify your deeds

And excite your faith.

*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.

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