



Tecumseh United Church  
~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~  
Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.  
*We are a fragrance-free environment.*

*We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.*

**We Gather in God's Love**

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

**We walk in the light as He is in the light. Amen.**

Call to Gather: (based on work by Barbara Hamilton-Holway)

We gather here as individual people,

**of all ages, of all genders, abled and differently abled**

We gather here as a community of people who are more than categories.

**We gather here, each ministering to the other, meeting one another's strengths, encouraging wholeness.**

We give thanks for this extraordinary blessing.

**Here may our minds stretch, our hearts open, our spirits deepen.**

Here may we acknowledge our brokenness, and be ever stirred by love's infinite possibilities. Amen.

**\*Hymn # 409 "Morning Has Broken"**

Centering Prayer: (by Bishop Thomas Ken, 1637-1711)

**O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife.**

**Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to aging feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power. God make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom. Amen.**

**\*Hymn # 530 "All Beautiful the March of Days"**

Faith Friends Time / Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn # 400 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"**

**We Listen to God's Word**

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 22 - 40

**\*Hymn # 713 "I See a New Heaven"**

Meditation ~ *Our Mission...Should We Chose to Accept It*

**We Respond to God's Word**

**Choir Anthem**

Offering Prayer:

**Gracious God, we present these our gifts, not from a sense of obligation but from an honest desire to support the work of your church. Help us to use them wisely, following always the teachings of Jesus. In his name we pray, Amen.**

Prayers of the people / Prayer Book is read.

**We Go to Love and Serve God**

**\*Hymn # 678 "For the Healing of the Nations"**

Commissioning:

**May the Spirit who walks on wounded feet walk with us on the road.**

**May the Spirit who serves with wounded hands stretch out our hands to serve.**

**May the Spirit who loves with a wounded heart open our hearts to love.**

**May we see the Spirit of God in everyone we meet and may everyone we meet see the Spirit of God in us. Amen.**

Benediction

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**Thanks** to Ian Phillips for leading the service this morning.

**Happy Birthday** this coming week to Sydney Coulbeck and Barb Suominen

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