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*Good Morning. A warm welcome is extended to each of you..
We hope that your time of worship with us is enjoyable and
meaningful for you. Visitors and newcomers are invited to sign
our guest book in the Narthex and to join us in the hall after the
service for fellowship and coffee..*

Time of Singing: Christmas hymn requests

Announcements

GATHERING AS ONE

Territorial Acknowledgement

*We recognize and honour the First Nations on whose traditional
unceded territory we gather and worship: The Sinixt, the Ktanaxa, the
Schewepemc, and the Syilx who were here before us. May justice and
reconciliation come to all peoples in the love of the Creator.*

Symbols of Worship Processional

**Came he not in fire, onward came the Lord.
Not in wind or rain, onward came the Lord.
Hail nor sleet or snow, onward came the Lord.
In a still small voice came he, onward came the Lord. (VU 15)**

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship

*Come gather 'round people, wherever you roam
and admit that the waters around you have grown
and accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone.
If your time to you is worth savin',
then you better start swimmin' or you'll sink like a stone
for the times, they are a-changin'.*

Bob Dylan

Candle Lighting

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. (VU 1)

Come, Emmanuel.

In our hearts, in our fears and doubts,
light the light of hope. **R.**

Come, Emmanuel.

In this world filled with the darkness of despair,
light the light of hope. **R.**

Come, Emmanuel.

Your people cry out for hope.

Come into this world and into our hearts,
and help us to be the hope
we wish to see in this world. **R.**

The candle of hope is lit.

**Opening Hymn: "O Come O Come Emmanuel" (V.1,3,4,6,7)
VU 1**

Children's Question Time

Lord's Prayer

Confessional Chant "Maranatha"(4X)

MV 19

Prayer for Redemption

We come before God, acknowledging our struggles, our brokenness, and our faults, and trusting in the coming of Emmanuel. Let us pray to God.

**Holy God, in earth, sea, and sky,
you are there;
in everything we touch,
in everyone we meet,
your presence is around us.**

**You, we have not touched but trampled in creation;
you we have not met but missed in one another;
you we have not received but rejected in the poor and
outcast.**

The Iona Community

(silent confession)

And so we pray: Lord have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Mother God, blessed Jesus, Holy Spirit,

hear our prayer and heal our hearts.

Words of Assurance

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Refrain:“Your Word is a Lamp to My Feet” (x2) **VU 956**

Scripture Lessons: **Lector: Louise Thrale**

Old Testament: Isaiah 2: 1-5 **p. 700**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to her church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading: Psalm 122 **VU 845**

Gospel Matthew 24: 36-44 **NT 28**

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word

Message

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Hymn: “Hope is a Star.” **VU 7**

Call to offering

Doxology:

Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord!

Make a straight path for him, make a straight path;

prepare the way of the Lord! (X2) (VU 10)

Prayer of Dedication:

O God who is with us,

who came in one time and one place,

Emmanuel forever, hear our prayer.

Bless our works and offerings that through them

your loving presence may be known in our world,

in this time and this place.

Amen

Invitation to the Table

You are welcome, without condition or reservation, to the table of Christ.

Passing of the Peace

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with us.

The Spirit is here among us

Let our hearts be open to the Spirit.

May God enter our hearts.

Let us join our voices in praise.

May we be one in God's uniting love.

Father and Mother God, in this season . . . we join the song of unending praise, singing:

**O holy holy holy God, O God of time and space,
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heaven! Creation sings your praise
And blessed is the one who comes and bears your name
always** (MV 203)

Holy is your name . . . we proclaim Christ's death until he comes again.

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen. Christ will come again. (MV 204)

By the baptism . . . Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen! Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen! Amen!
Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!** (MV205)

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion will be served seated. A tray of bread will be passed around; you are invited to serve your neighbour by saying "Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life."

Once you have received the bread, hold it until everybody has a piece and we will take together. In the same way, a tray of cups will be passed around and you may serve your neighbour saying, "Jesus Christ, the Cup of Blessing."

Hymns (during communion:)

"One Bread, One Body"

VU 467

"Bread of Life, Feed My Soul"

MV 194

Prayer after Communion

God of love,

our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love and the light of hope.

May we, who have been fed by your spirit, now find our hunger and thirst for righteousness increased, to see your love in our world.

Through Emmanuel, the promised one, we pray.

Amen.

GOING FORTH

Closing hymn: "All Earth is Waiting"

VU 5

Sending Forth:

They will beat their swords into ploughshares,
God will break their hearts of stone and hate,
for God is with us in Emmanuel,
a promise of hope in a world of fear,
for the times, they are a-changin'.
Be the hope you wish to see in the world.

May the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
our Mother, Friend, and Comforter,
the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of us all
be with you today and always.



Choral Amen

Choral Benediction:

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen*



Announcements

Evening Prayers tonight (Sunday Nov. 27th) at 7:45 with Rev. David.

Board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 30th at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas newsletter items in ASAP please!

Breakfast with Santa is next Saturday with three seatings at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 . **The Fish Pond** will be running so if you find anything suitable for around \$5.00 we will be happy to accept it. Tickets are on sale at the RCC and in the church office. Adults \$8.00, Children \$6.00

Remember to check your address book for names and addresses of former members, friends and adherents of this church so we can start compiling a list of folk for invitations to our 80th anniversary dinner on **October 14th** of next year.

Just a reminder that if you are on PAR and want to change your donation amount, let me know. Also if you are not yet on PAR but would like to start donating on a regular monthly basis come and see me. Your Pre-Authorized Remittance will come out of your account on the 20th of each month. Your donation can go to whatever accounts you wish. It is an easy way to support your church regularly without having to think about it.

Ron and I continue to take any refundable bottles or cans as a fund raiser.

We have two turkey dinner caterings coming up in early December. I will be calling for help for the 7th (the Senior's Dinner) and the 14th (Selkirk Gardens dinner) Volunteers are gratefully welcomed.

