

Hope United Church of Christ  
February 2, 2025  
***Holy Communion***

PRELUDE: Holy Ground Medley - - - arr. Jim Hammerly

Welcome

Announcements

Offering Prayer

**SONG OF PRAISE:** Shout to the North

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come and rejoice and know that God's love is for you!

**All: We gather to praise God and celebrate God's presence with us.**

One: God shows compassion to all who feel broken.

**All: Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.**

One: Let us praise God who has called us together.

**All: Thanks be to God for God's eternal love. AMEN.**

**UNISON PRAYER for FORGIVENESS**

One: Let us join our voices in a prayer of confession.

**All: God, you are the Creator of all that is. We confess that our thoughts and actions do not always honor you. We have put our desires above your will. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your unending love. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE: Patience

Sacred Music: We Gather at Your Table *Arr. By Walter Ehret*

**THE ALLELUIA**

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PRAYER BEFORE SCRIPTURE

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:17-27, NRSVUE

Message: Love Without Walls                      Lotoya Young, MID

**Song of the Spirit: "Sanctuary"**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.    x2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ***Loving God...Hear Our Prayer***

LORD'S PRAYER

**A New Creed "No. 887, United Church of Canada, 1980"**

We believe in God: Who has created and is creating, Who has come in Jesus, The Word made flesh, To reconcile and make new, Who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: To celebrate God's presence, To love and serve others, To seek justice and resist evil, To proclaim Jesus crucified and risen, Our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**Song to Prepare:** No.332 As We Gather at Your Table

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcomed to share in this meal.*

Pastor: The Lord is with you!

**Unison: And also, with you!**

Pastor: Lift up your voices to speak of this great love!

**Unison: We lift them up in joyful acclamation!**

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Living God, time after time, you draw us here to inspire us, feed us, and save us. Especially when our love fails, you are here, steadfast and true. You created this world and called it good. You created us to proclaim your good to all. And so, we raise our voices in praise:

**Unison: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, The whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High.**

Pastor: We remember the life and ministry of Jesus: how he healed the sick, fed the hungry, ate with sinners, and preached forgiveness and peace. It was at this table that he issued the invitation:

**Unison: To gather, to share together, to remember together, and to go and do likewise in the world.**

Pastor: For the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, also, he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, on this day of resurrection, we raise our voices to proclaim this timeless truth:

**Unison: Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, your people, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make us lovers and tellers of your word. Make us ones who heal and share your grace. And make us one body in Jesus Christ. All glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and for all time! Amen.

## Sharing of the Elements

Pastor: Let us together receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

**Unison: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.**

Pastor: Let us together receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

**Unison: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.**

Prayer after Communion:

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now called to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** No. 347 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Benediction

**Blessing: "Go in Peace"**

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Postlude: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty - - - arr. Carol Tornquist