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Live Stream begins at 9:15 A.M.
YouTube and Facebook

WE GATHER

Prelude "Holy, Holy, Holy" - **Marg Ross**

Welcome / Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

*We acknowledge the unceded and all lands that we live upon -
and give thanks for all the generations of people who have
taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today.
May we be open to historical Truths and may we continue to
learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better
world with all People. Amen.*

Spiritual Focus

"HOLINESS Requires: Decision, Dedication & Devotion..."

WE APPROACH GOD

Gathering Call: Praise the Lord who is our provider. God brought us out of bondage and has made us free. Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts. The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Gathering Song VU 238 "How Great Thou Art"

(Thanks to Golden Ears United Church, Maple Ridge, B.C. for providing this video)

Call to Confession: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the promise of forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (All): Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness:

People of God, the Lord your God is loving, and we are reconciled. Therefore, let us humble and surrender ourselves to the will of God for the glory of the Lord.

WE SEEK WISDOM

VU 642 "Be Thou My Vision"

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Prayer of Illumination: O God, fill us with your Spirit and humble our hearts so that we can hear your Word and Live accordingly. **Amen.**

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13 (Selected Verses – NRSV)

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32 (NRSV)

Word of Life: "Grace Works Inside OUT..." **Rev. Takouhi**

OUR GIFTS TO THE WORK OF GOD

MV 174 "Soil of God"

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Invitation to the Offering (One): The works of the Lord are wondrous indeed. Let us offer back to God a portion of what has been given to us, for the glory of God's name.

Our Offertory: *Partnering with God to help Miracles be Visible.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication: O God, use these gifts to do your will in the world and fill us with courage, to give more than we have and to share with ALL. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH HOPE

MV 78 "God Weeps" (LicenSingOnline OneLicense.net CCLI)

Prayers of Hope & Healing

(Background Music-Marg Ross "Grace Alone")

The Prayer of Jesus: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**

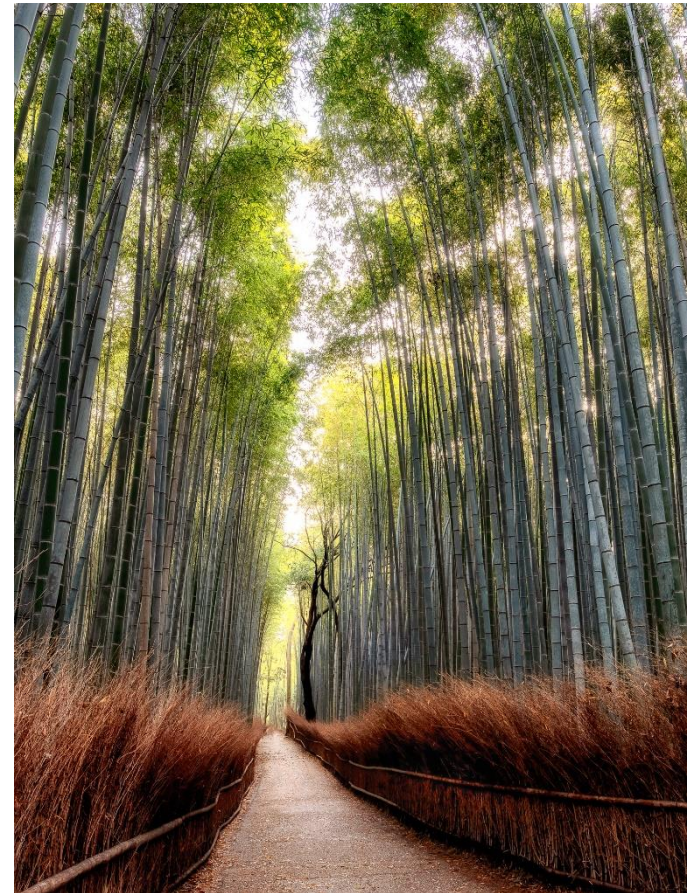
Commissioning & Benediction

MV 218 "May the Love of the Lord" (OneLicense.net)

Philippians 2:1-13

- 1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.** 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
- 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but **emptied himself**, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross.
- 9 Therefore **God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**
- 12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

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