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Sunday, October 2, 2016, 10:00am

Theme: Living Love Letter

✠ indicates stand as you are able

MV = More Voices

Bold indicates participation by the people

VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – Communion Medley – arr. Kari Orosz*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

WELCOME, SPIRIT LINES, GREETING ONE ANOTHER

(Please feel free to move around)

INTROIT: *This Is the Day (2Times-Projected)*

MV#122

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive - Projected)*

Come before the God of steadfast love.

We come as a people called by grace.

Come with testimony and with song.

We come as a people called to faith.

Come to the joy of worship together.

We come as a people called by love.

OPENING PRAYER: *(Unison - Projected)*

Faithful God,

we wait for you as people

called from the deep

to new mornings of your mercies.

Meet us here.

Rekindle in us the gift of faith;

warm it in our open hands,
breathe it into our spirits,
light it in our hearts.
Amen

†HYMN: *All Who Hunger (Projected)*

VU#460

(Children and Youth are invited to join with their leaders at one
of the entrances to the Sanctuary)

Open Minds

SCRIPTURE: *2 Timothy 1:1-14 (Paraphrased) (NRSV)*

Scripture Reader: *David Gray*

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: **thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir – Bread from Heaven*

– by Schram

THE MESSAGE: *Love Letters*

Open Hands

†HYMN: *Come Touch Our Hearts (Projected)*

MV#12

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Typhoon Haiyan*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Tithes, Offerings, PAR, & Prayers.

(Please print clearly and place your Prayer Slips in the Prayer Baskets.)

†OFFERTORY: *What Can I Do? (Projected)*

MV#191

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: *(Unison, Projected)*

God of love,

accept these offerings.

**Bless them and increase them.
May they find their way in the world
to bring your just and loving vision into being. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER: *Where Two or Three Are Gathered (Projected)*

MV#14

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS

Open Hearts to Each Other and the World

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION:

In The United Church of Canada we affirm that everyone is equally wonderfully and mysteriously made by God who sees it all as good. These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. There are no barriers or limitations, no membership requirements or dues that must be paid; there are no judgments about how you identify, whom you love, or what has happened in your past; it isn't about how you understand God or the heritage you claim – here at this table you are simply, welcome. Here, there is room for all.

(Leader to give instructions on the process of coming up for communion)

Come to this table, you are all loved by God. Come and empty your hearts so they may be filled again.

Yes, generous God, may we be filled with gratitude because in your great love you do not abandon us - you make us bearers of your light.

Hymn: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (v1)*

VU#468

All who are frightened in the shadows, all who feel used up and lost, all who are sick and broken, are blessed at this table and made to shine, bringing out the God-colours of this world.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us his love.

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body

For we all partake of the one bread

In Christ, God breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another.

We are the body of Christ.

At this table we bear witness to our faith.

At this table, God brings wholeness out of brokenness and healing to our world as we break bread together.

Hymn: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (v2)*

VU#468

We gather at this table to remember that Jesus often ate with his friends. At one extraordinary meal, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

Bread for the journey...may it satisfy our spiritual hunger.

Jesus also took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink, this cup poured out for you, is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

The cup of new life.... May it quench our spiritual thirst.

Hymn: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (v3)*

VU#468

What do we remember at this table?

We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection.

We remember our own resurrection moments.

We remember that it is up to us to bring peace and justice to the earth.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Here, at this Table of Grace, the Holy Spirit proclaims life, transforming these simple gifts and the people gathered in this place.

Bless us, O God, and what we do here, that we and these gifts, touched by your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to one another and to the world.

Amen

(Servers to come forward)

Communion *(music while communion takes place)*

Hymn after Communion: *Halle, Halle, Halle (2x)*

VU#958

‡COMMISSIONING and BENEDECTION: *(Unison)*

Go forth in the promise of God's steadfast love.

We go forth in the promise of God's new mercies.

Go forth as bearers of faith, ancient and new.

We go forth with the kindled faith of our forebears.

May your paths shine with light and love.

‡HYMN: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing (Projected)*

VU#481

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Tracy Robertson, Kari Orosz, The Adult Choir, David Gray, Jan & Keith Campbell, Brian Shewan, Erin MacLean-Berko, Dan MacDonald, Gladys Marshall, Sheila Campbell, Kristin Raugust, Diane French, Sam Abel, , Joan Brooks, Myrna Andres, Gwen Campbell, Rachel Jones, Diane & John Latter.