

# SANCTUARY WORSHIP

May 9, 2021

## Prelude

“Blessed Assurance”

Steve Jobman, piano and Bradley Welch, organ

Eleanor Whitsett

## Welcome and Invitation to Discipleship

## Introit

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

The men of the Cantor Chorale

arr. Mack Wilberg

## \*Call to Worship

One: Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

**All: God’s love is poured in us from our birth.**

One: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

**All: God’s love is taught to us through the witness of God’s faithful people.**

One: We are called to proclaim God’s love in all that we say and do.

**All: In all creation, in all our relationships, may God’s love be made known.**

One: Let us worship God this day!

## \*Hymn 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

## \*Prayer of Confession

Jesus, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition.

We confess that sometimes we struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us.

Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to abide in your love once again.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

## \*Words of Forgiveness

One: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.  
Amen.**

## Children’s Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson

# Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture

John 15:9-17

## Sermon

Rev. Matthew Ruffner

### \*Affirmation of Faith

from A Song of Faith, United Church of Canada

God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description.

Yet, in love, the one eternal God seeks relationship. So God creates the universe and with it the possibility of being and relating.

God tends the universe, mending the broken and reconciling the estranged.

God enlivens the universe, guiding all things toward harmony with their Source.

Grateful for God's loving action,

We cannot keep from singing.

With the Church through the ages, we speak of God as one and triune:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We also speak of God as:

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. God, Christ, and Spirit. Mother, Friend, and Comforter.

Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love, and in other ways that speak faithfully of the One on whom our hearts rely,

the fully shared life at the heart of the universe.

We witness the Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love.

## Invitation to Offering

### Offertory

"The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal H Hopson

The men of the Cantor Chorale

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### \*Hymn 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

## \*Benediction

### Postlude

Fugue in G Minor, Opus 7, No. 3

Marcel Dupré

### Leaders in Worship

Our preacher today is Rev. Matthew Ruffner. Our liturgist is Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson. Steve Jobman is our Director of Music. Our organist is Bradley Hunter Welch.

### Flower Dedications

The flowers in the Columbarium were made possible by:

**David and Dawn Hall** to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Marianne Renzetti**.

**The Ryan Family: Christina, Christopher, Bishop, Scott, Lisa, Gregory, Bill, Maddox, Brayden and Charlotte** to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Cormac Hamilton Ryan**.

**The Buhl Family** to the glory of God and in loving memory **Lee and Ted Buhl, and Effie Issitt**.

**Ruby and Stan Styler** to the glory of God and in loving memory of their son **Ryan Anthony**.

**Sandy and Steve Watson** to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Lorraine and Jim Watson**.

**The Tan Family** to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Martha Tan**.

### Building Reopening

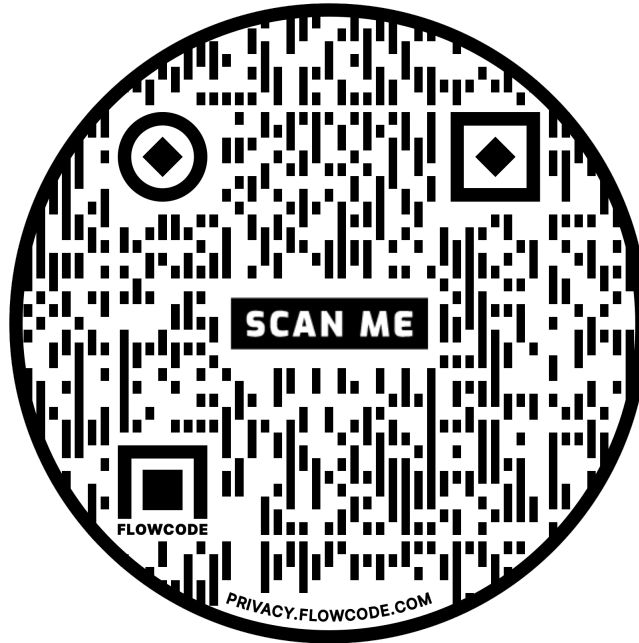
Our Session has approved the Task Force on Reopening's plan to reopen the building for PHPC small groups and meetings! The Session thanks the Task Force for their work to keep our community safe during the pandemic. Please read about safety restrictions, group reservations and more at [www.phpc.org/reopening](http://www.phpc.org/reopening)

### Nicaragua Ministry

In honor of Mother's Day, the PHPC Nicaragua Mission Team invites you to make a gift to support mothers and women in Nicaragua. Gifts received by Mother's Day will unlock a \$2,500 matching gift opportunity, all of which will provide training for women selected by our Nicaragua Mission Partner, CEPAD, to participate in their Women's Empowerment Program.

Learn more and give at [phpc.org/nicamothers](http://phpc.org/nicamothers)

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