

(All singing as the candle is lit:)

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Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords, and King of kings, to whom be glory always.

Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please find and sign the Registration of Attendance pad and pass it to others on the same pew, so that we may have a record of your attendance at this service. If you are visiting today, we hope you will provide contact information, especially your email address, so that we may share more about the program and activities of this congregation.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING # *(Pew Bible, p. 631 OT)*

Isaiah 2:1-5

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING # *(Pew Bible, p. 27 NT)*

Matthew 24:36-44

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

At the 11:00 service, when this time is concluded, children pre-school through 2nd grade are invited to join the leader to go to children's church.

*HYMN 93

Lift Up Your heads, Ye Mighty Gates

SERMON

The Light of Hope

Harry C. Meissner

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Creed of the United Church of Canada

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in the true human, Jesus, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and in others by his Spirit. We trust him. He calls us to be in his church: to celebrate his presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and to 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!

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Prelude in Classic Style

Young

Jubilate Ringers

*DOXOLOGY *(Hymn 606)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, SILENT PRAYER, CONCLUDING COLLECT

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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE +

People Look East

French folk melody

Chancel Choir

VOLUNTARY

For All the Saints

arr. Hutchins

OUR INVITATION

Every service of worship invites us to consider our relationship to Jesus Christ and to his church. If you are not vitally involved in some community of faith, perhaps this congregation is the place where you can worship, find fellowship, grow, and share in our mission and witness to the world. If you would like to discuss this important matter, please indicate your interest on the registration of attendance pad or speak to the minister following the service.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - (8:45) Robbie Robinson, (11:00) Steve Leake

** Deacon - (8:45) Cindy Jenkins, (11:00) Dana White

Acolyte - Zoe Futrell (11:00)