



DISMISSAL

Go in peace, joy, love and hope to serve the Lord
In the name of Christ Emmanuel. Amen.

Please remain seated for the Postlude

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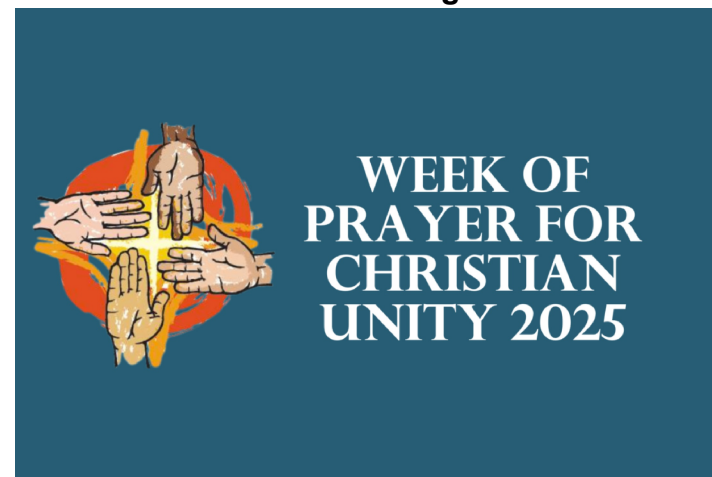
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You are **CREATED** by God, **LOVED** just as you are and
 we **WELCOME** you

We are delighted you are here today to share in worship!
Please sign our guestbook if you are a visitor.

*We acknowledge and thank the Lkwungen and WSÁNEĆ Peoples,
 also known as the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations communities,
 for allowing us to live, worship, work and play on their ancestral lands*

2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - JANUARY 19, 2025 **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** **SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER** Pastor Linda Douglas



Prelude

Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to God,
who rescues us from the power of darkness;
who redeems us, and sets us free!

Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation,
through whom all things were made,
in heaven and on the earth.

Praise be to the Spirit of God,
whose presence sustains us,
and whose breath renews all creation.

Behold! I am making all things new!
Come, O God, and make your home among us.
Pour out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

GATHERING HYMN (All Are Welcome) 641

GREETING

May the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you

KYRIE 155

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the nations, you have called us in the Body of you Son, Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; so that all your children may be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation. **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE (We Are All One.....) 643

WORD

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Let all that I am praise the Lord.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.

Don't put your confidence in powerful people;
there is no help for you there.

When they breathe their last, they return to the earth,
and all their plans die with them.

For the light and shades of the changing seasons, and their variety and dependability; for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay; we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For new hope and strength in our communities, especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you, we bring our thanks, good Lord;
your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility, and all the fruit of the Spirit, we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given, and for all those whom you have given us to share it, we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Depart now in peace, for your eyes have seen the salvation which God has prepared for all people. Grow in strength and wisdom and bring forth a harvest of righteousness and praise. And may God smile upon you and make you strong and wise; May Christ Jesus share his inheritance with you freely; And may the Holy Spirit open your eyes to the presence of God's Messiah. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN (The Lord Now Sends Us Forth) 538

PEACE and OFFERING*(May be left on the plate at the back)*
May the light, hope and peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us greet each other as a sign of God's peace, love, forgiveness and grace. *(Please share a gesture of peace with those around you)*

OFFERTORY (Take my Life)

583

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have given us all that we need. Help us trust your continued care, and to share with others the abundance of your blessings. Strengthen us for service, and remind us of the great joy that awaits those who answer your call.

Accept our gifts and give us new songs of praise as we celebrate the opportunity to be in ministry, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

A CELEBRATION OF FAITH AND GRATITUDE

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth. For the colour and forms of your creation and our place within it, we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us, we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts; for insight and imagination, for the skills of research which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many; we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.
He keeps every promise forever.

He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.
The Lord frees the prisoners.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down.
The Lord loves the godly.

The Lord protects the foreigners among us.
He cares for the orphans and widows,
but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

The Lord will reign forever.
He will be your God, O Jerusalem, throughout the generations. Praise the Lord!

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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The Holy Gospel according to the 4th chapter of Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel

Luke 4:14 -30

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

GOSPEL HYMN (In Christ There Is No East or West) **651**

Sermon

SERMON HYMN (We Are Called.....)

720

AFFIRMATION LITANY

God, today we believe that you dwell in all who confess Jesus as the Son of God,

God, today we will open our ears to hear each one who confesses Jesus as the Son of God.

God, we believe you invite us to accept each other as sisters and brothers,

God, today we accept and embrace all who call themselves by your name.

God, we believe you call us to love each other as we do ourselves,

God, with all our hearts, we will strive to love our brothers and sisters from every denomination and group.

God, we believe you ask us to use our gifts to serve each other in unity and understanding,

God, may we, in a spirit of love and care, use our gifts to build each other up.

God, we believe that in unity together we will come to a full knowledge of Christ,

God, may we grow together into the knowledge of the one in whom all things fit together.

PRAYERS

God of light and glory – **hear our prayer**

Lord's Prayer



The Lord's Prayer

Music: Ralph P. Merrifield

♩ = 80

Our Fa-ther, which art in hea-ven, hall-o-wed be Thy name.

Thy King-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Our

hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread and for-give us our debts, as

we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from

e-vil. For Thine is the King-dom, and the

pow-er, and the glo-ry for-ev-er, a-men, for Thine is the

King-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo-ry for-ev-

er, a-men. A-men! A-men!!