

Celebration of Ministry Service Living Skies Regional Council



May 29, 2022

YoungJin Park

St. Andrew's United Church

Processional Music – Peggy Pedersen





Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ's presence with us in this time and place. Of all the things this flame represents to us, individually, it also reminds us of our collective call to create community, which we animate together, through worship and service.

All:

May this flame unite us in these moments.

May it shine upon this community of faith,

Illuminating the face of Christ in all who gather here.

Amen



Welcome and Land Acknowledgement





Call to Worship

We are called to be the Church:

**To celebrate God's presence,
To live with respect in Creation,
To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

May this call inspire us and give us hope
as we worship together.

Amen.

(A New Creed, The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968, alt.)



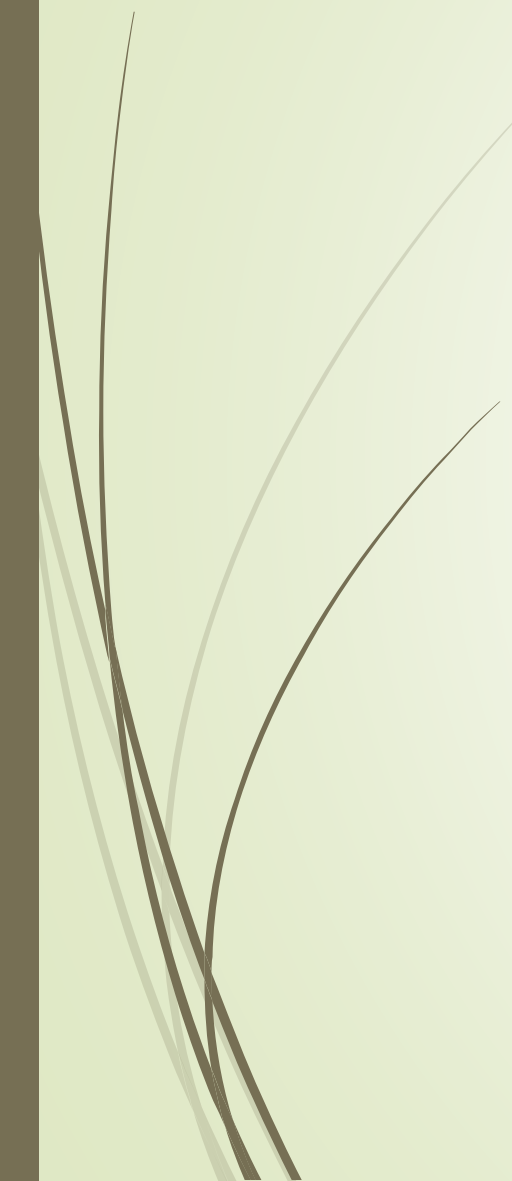
Opening Prayer

Creator, Holy Mystery, Source of Love,
we gather in this place, at this time,
to worship you with praise and thanksgiving.

Be in our midst, O God,
as together with the people of St. Andrew's United Church,
and the Living Skies Regional Council,
we celebrate the ordination of YoungJin Park into our United Church of
Canada.

May this time fill us with gratitude and hope.

**Creator, Holy Mystery, Source of Love,
hear our prayer. Amen.**





Prayer for Transformation

Creator God,

In your generous and gracious love,

You have given us the gift of life.

In your generous and gracious love,

You have given us the guidance of Jesus Christ.

In your generous and gracious love,

You have given us the Holy Spirit as advocate.

And still, life and faith present challenges, God.

**And so, we pray for the willingness and courage
to be transformed, to meet these challenges faithfully.
We pray that our transformation**



will inspire us to live with humility and kindness...

We pray that our transformation

will allow us to be guided by Christ's examples
of compassion and justice...

We pray that our transformation

will allow the Spirit's encouragement
to shape our living and strengthen our faith...

We pray that our transformation

will help us to reflect your generosity and grace...

Creator God, hear our prayer...

Music: Called by Earth and Sky (MV 135)





Words and music Pat Mayberry
Arr. Margaret Stubbington © 2005



Refrain:

Called by earth and sky,
Promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.






Precious these waters, endless seas,
Deep ocean's dream,
Waters of healing, rivers of rain,
The wash of love again.

Refrain:

Called by earth and sky,
Promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.



Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
Wind born and free.

Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
Our gathering and our grace.

Refrain:

Called by earth and sky,
Promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.

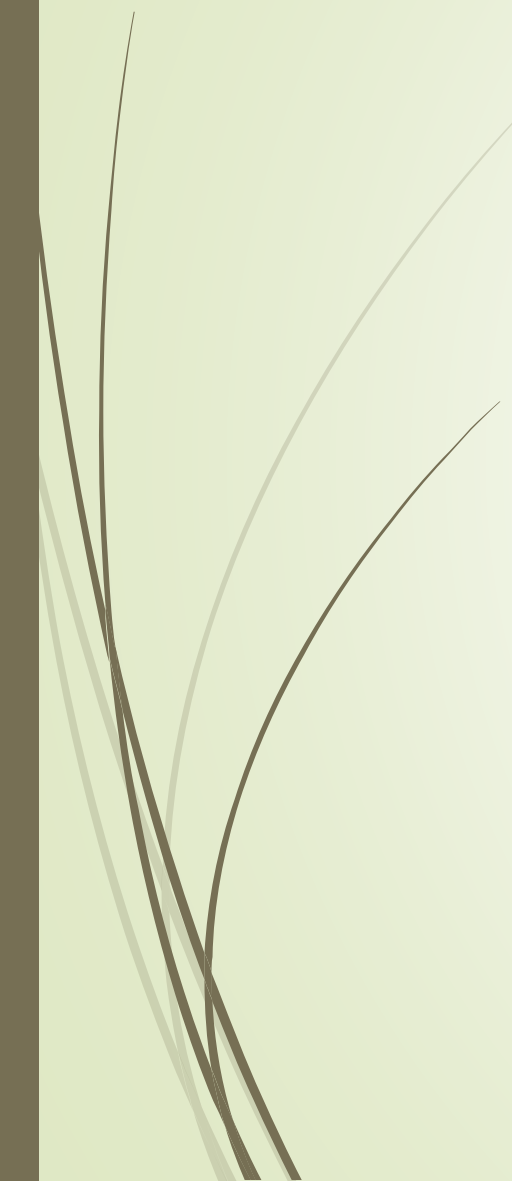



Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
Vast fragile land.

Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.

Refrain:

Called by earth and sky,
Promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.





Precious the fire that lights our way,
Bright dawning day.

Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
Our faith and justice one.

Refrain:

Called by earth and sky,
Promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky.

Scripture

- Psalm 78: 23-29
- Ephesians 4: 1-16
- John 6: 22-35

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God!




Sermon: Karen Medland



Music: Bathe me in Your Light (MV#82)



Words: John Oldham, 2002
Music: Ron Klusmeier 2002




Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
Let it shine upon my soul with healing and with
grace.

Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's
wounding,

Showing me the way to live in faith, in your
embrace.

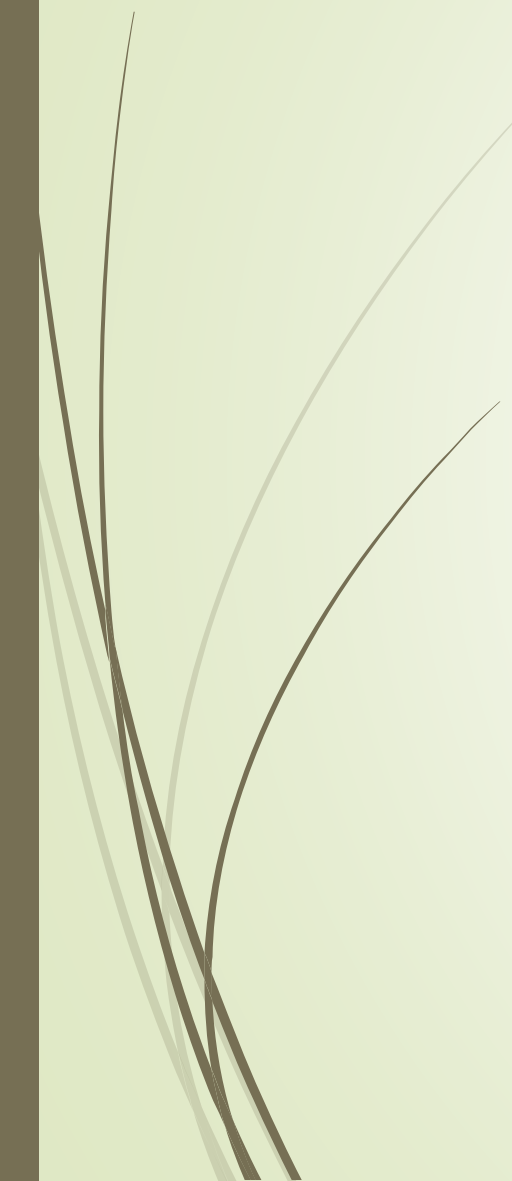





Bathe me in your love, O Source of Awe and
Wonder;

Help me walk the sacred path of harmony and
peace.

May I be attentive to the musings of your presence,
Drinking from the well of hope the brings the heart
release.





Bathe me in your grace, O One of Spirit's longing;
Help me walk the sacred path of harmony and
peace.

Guide me on the pilgrimage that leads to truth and
wholeness,

Fill me with your promise of a love that knows no
length.





Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed

We are not alone

we live in God's world

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating

who has come in Jesus

the word made flesh,


to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.





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to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and 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.



Celebration of New Ministries

Promises of the Congregation

Siblings in Christ, on behalf of the whole Regional Council, are you ready to support them in the ministry to which God has called them and for which they have offered themselves?

Congregation:

We are, God being our guide.

Will you offer your ministry to this person, and receive ministry from them?

Congregation:

We will, God being our guide.



Act of Ordination – YoungJin Park



Music: Will you Come and Follow Me? (VU #567)



Words: The Iona Community 1987

Music: Scottish traditional, arr. The Iona Community 1987




Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?





Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your
name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the
same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract
or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?






Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the
same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this
unseen,

And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?






Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your
name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the
same?

Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the
world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound in you and
you in me?






Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call
my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and
footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in
me.



Offering – for the Mission and Service Fund



**Ever-present God, with this offering,
we present also ourselves:
all that we have been,
all that we are,
all that we shall become,
and our resolve to walk in your way.
Accept us and our offering,
we pray for Jesus' sake.
Amen.**

(from 2019 Service of Praise)



Sacrament of Communion

(adapted from A Song of Faith, The United Church of Canada © 2006)

Invitation and Call to Give Thanks:

Carrying a vision of creation healed and restored...

Grateful for God's loving action...

We cannot keep from offering God our gratitude.

Song of Thanksgiving:

**God is creative and self-giving, generously moving
in all the near and distant corners of the universe.**

Nothing exists that does not find its source in God.

Our first response to God's providence is gratitude.

Thanks be to God!





Song of Creation:

**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.**

We are grateful for God's loving action.



Affirmation of Memory and Hope:

Grateful for God's loving action,
we cannot keep from offering God our praise
proclaiming the mystery of faith:

By becoming flesh in Jesus,

God makes all things new.

In Jesus' life, teaching, and self-offering,

God empowers us to live in love.

In Jesus' crucifixion,

God bears the sin, grief, and suffering of the world.

In Jesus' resurrection,

God overcomes death.

Nothing separates us from the love of God.

Breaking the Bread Filling the cup







Post Communion Prayer

In the sharing of this sacred meal,
let us pray for God's good news to be lived out.

**Holy God,
we pray that we may become a church with
purpose:
where faith is nurtured and hearts are comforted,
where gifts are shared for the good of all,
where we may resist the forces
that exploit and marginalize,**






**show fierce love in the face of violence,
defend human dignity,
be members of a community
that is held and inspired by you,
corrected and comforted,
instruments of the loving Spirit of Christ,
mending creation.**

We pray in sincerity and hope. Amen.

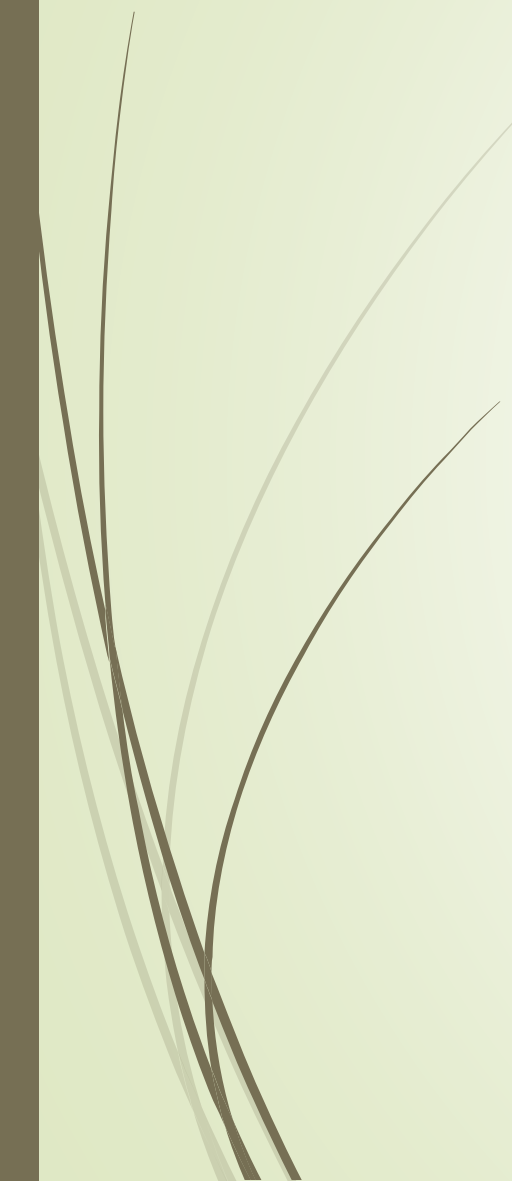
Music: Soil of God, You and I (MV 174)




Words and music: jim hannah © 1995
Arr. David Melhorn-Boe © 2006

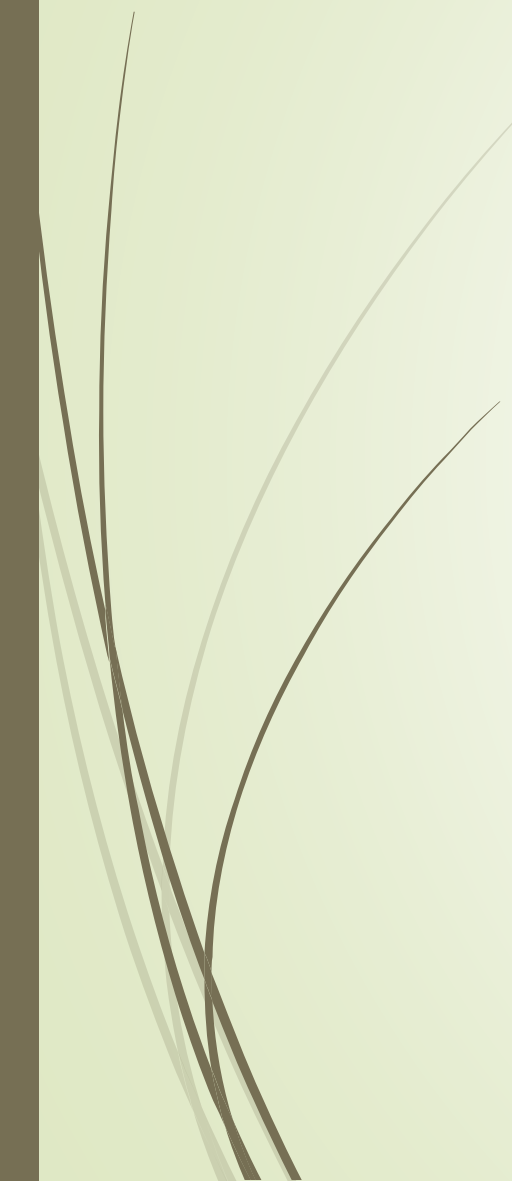


Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear
Seeds of faith nourished, by God's tender care.
Growing in everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are...Holy ground.





Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be
Part of God's promise, for others to see.
Open to everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are...Holy ground.







Covenanting

We are here to join into a covenantal relationship...

Let us pray for God's grace as we covenant together:

**Uniting God,
you call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship:
to celebrate your presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to share in Christ's baptism
and eat at his table,**





**to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**Send your Holy Spirit
to bind us in full communion
so that we may be a uniting church,
embodying your love for the world.**

As one, we proclaim:

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
you are with us, we are not alone,
all glory and power be unto you.**

Amen.

(A prayer for the church inspired by John 17:21 and based on The United Church of Canada's "A New Creed" and The United Church of Christ's "Statement of Faith (in the Form of a Doxology)." Written for the full communion service of these two denominations.)

Promises and Symbols





Prayer

May God bless the covenant we have made
in this place, in this company.

**May the words, the actions, and the symbols
we have shared in this time,
serve to remind us of our interconnected
relationships.**

**May we live into this covenant
with a spirit of unity and grace. Amen.**


Commissioning and Blessing



Music – May God's Sheltering Wings (MV 214)



Words and music: Judith Snowdon © 2004



May God's sheltering wings, her gathering
wings protect you.

May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms
sustain you,

And hold you in her love,

And hold you in her love.





Participants in this worship service:

Executive Minister – Shannon McCarthy

Presider – Darrell Reine, Convenor-Elect of Regional Council Executive

Preacher – Karen Medland, Office of Vocation Minister

Pastoral Charge Supervisor – Michele Rowe

Ordinand – YoungJin Park

Laying on of hands – Fern Forsythe-Hohm, Laura Mattis, and Julie Maclellan

Musician – Peggy Pedersen

Members of the Community of Faith of St. Andrew's United Church

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