



**Living Skies Regional Council**

**United Church of Canada**

**Service of Praise**

**June 16, 2024**

**Knox United Church**

**Saskatoon, SK**

**Prelude:** Patricia Deibert

**Processional Hymn:** "Come All You People" MV #2

### **Lighting the Christ Candle; Welcome & Acknowledging the Land**

#### **Call to Worship**

As we gather today to worship, we come from many places.

**We come from the North, the land of where the Northern lights dance to the Spirit.**

We come from the East, from which the morning sun welcomes us to the day and to listen to the winds of wisdom.

**We come from the South, where the plains go on forever, and the badlands, Blue Mountains and Grasslands are all part of God's creation.**

We come from the west where beautiful sunsets draw us into God's loving embrace.

**We come from across this United Church of ours, bringing together God's people.**

Let us worship with praise and thanksgiving.

#### **Opening Prayer**

**Hymn:** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" MV #30

#### **Prayer of Transformation & Assurance of God's Grace**

**Scripture:** Acts 16:16-40 "Paul & Silas in Prison"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** joint choir, led by Mark Zielke

**Sermon:** The Right Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne

**Hymn:** "We Have This Ministry" VU #510

**Affirmation of Faith – A New Creed** VU #918

#### **Celebration of Ministries**

**Singing:** "On Eagle's Wings" VU #808 Refrain only between each segment and each person

**Recognition of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders** – Eleanor Bowie, Carol Knoll, Anne Mathewson, Phyllis Verbeek

**Recognition of Retirees** – Jim Balfour, Mohandas Barnabas, Tim Ellis, Kathleen James-Cavan, Connie Sykes, Bill Unger, Jim Wolff

**Admission candidate** – David Mugadzi

**Ordinands** – Roy Bortolotto, Lynette Callfas, Sheila Deforest, Cam Fraser, Debz Ferber, Peter Gilmer, Doreen Hewitson, Gary Johnson, Lorna King, Jo Mader, Bonnie Morton, Darrell Reine, Ryan Sawchuk, John Sellwood, Gayle Wensley

**Commissionand** – David Whalley

### **Offering Statement & Prayer**

**Hymn:** “All Who Hunger” VU #460

### **Communion**

May the Spirit of love be with you

**And may the love of Christ be with you.**

Open wide your cautious hearts.

**May the hope of our Creator pour peace in our souls.**

Let us give thanks to the one who created this time and space.

**From our joy we give God thanks and praise.**

### **Prayer of Communion**

*(The bread is broken.)*

Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life,

**offering nourishment on the journey and strength for the way.**

*(The cup is Poured)*

Jesus Christ is the True Vine,

**offering the cup of blessing and life abundant.**

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Distribution of the Elements)*

During Communion:

**More Voices # 202** “Bread for the Journey”

**More Voices #15** “Holy Sacred Spirit”

**Voices United #466** “Eat This Bread”

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Commissioning & Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn:** “We will go with God” MV #223

**Postlude:** Patricia Deibert

**Participants in today's service:**

**Presider** – Darrell Reine

**Executive Minister** – Shannon McCarthy

**Office of Vocation Minister** – Laura Fohse

**Preacher** – Carmen Lansdowne

**Scripture Reader** – Kun Kim

**Celebrants:**

**Past-President – Nobuko Iwai**

David Mugadzi – *Munyengerero Mutata, Faithful Mugadzi, Miles Russell*

Roy Douglas Bortolotto – *Barbara Wilkins*

Lynette Edith Callfas – *Brian Callfas, Anna Bibeau, Roland Callfas*

Sheila Ann Deforest – *Sabrina Deforest, Lydia Glawson, Marg Janick-Grayston*

**Past-President – Annette Taylor**

Deborah-Ruth Mercedes Ferber – *Nobuko Iwai, Emily Carr, Daryl Woods*

J. Cameron Fraser – *Cheryl, Lily, Isla and Oliver Hymus-Fraser, Mary Fraser*

Doreen Elizabeth Hewitson – *Dave Hewitson, Mervin Hanson, Wayne Sinclair*

Gary Lloyd Johnson – *Verna Kocski, Tim Ellis*

Lorna Elizabeth King – *Dale Worrall, Deb Anderson-Pratt, Cindy Goodman*

**Past-President – Daryl Woods**

Josephine E. Mader – *Kimber Mader, Barbara Mader, Llyle Mader*

Peter James Gilmer - *Karen Lumley, Debbie McGraw, Darrell Reine*

Bonnie Ruth Morton – *Karen Lumley, Debbie McGraw, Darrell Reine*

Darrell Reine – *Karen Reine, Dexter van Dyke*

**Past-President – Miles Russell**

Ryan N. Sawchuk – *Patti Sawchuk, David Sawchuk, Andrew Appledore*

John R. Sellwood – *Greg Coutts, Adele Coutts, Jeff Jones*

Gayle Wensley – *Jesse Wensley*

James “David” Whalley – *Leslee Whalley, Ryan Whalley, Dorothy Kuxhaus*

**Musicians** – Patricia Deibert (prelude and postlude), Mark Zielke, joint choir

**Communion servers:**

Diane Bosman, Jordan Cantwell, Sheila Deforest, Tim Ellis, Deborah Ferber, Laura Fohse, Kathleen James-Cavan, Jennifer Janzen-Ball, Carmen Lansdowne, Shannon McCarthy, Kent Mohn, David Mugadzi, Vicki Nelson, Ryan Sawchuk

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