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REV. NADENE GRIEVE-DESLIPPE

"99 OUT OF A HUNDRED ISN'T BAD"

1. Self-screening guidelines: If you have Covid symptoms or are isolating due to close contact, you should not attend in person. Services are also live-streamed.
2. Masking is encouraged but no longer mandatory. Many will still choose to remain masked for their own or for other's safety. We welcome this choice and urge everyone to respect individuals' choices - each according to their own personal situations.
3. Social distancing still continues in the sanctuary and MacCallum Hall.

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lascia ch'io pianga (from *Rinaldo*) - G.F. Handel

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: We light this candle to remind us that Christ is the light of the world and present in our midst.

All: May the life and words of Jesus enlighten us on our way.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have gathered to worship God

All: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community and insight.

One: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our lives.

All: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and maturing in the faith. Let us worship in humility and honesty.

CENTERING PRAYER

Empowering God, make the door of this house be wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to straying feet, but rugged enough to turn away all that is counter to your grace. Bless those who gather here so that we might be a blessing on the outside of these walls. Amen

HYMN **VU 229** *God of the Sparrow*

1 God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

2 God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

4 God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

5 God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator God, you lay out before us the path of righteousness. You call for risk-taking loyalty and for challenges that can sometimes stretch beyond our understanding. We want to build the quality of life you intend for us and for all people. Show us how to become more fully engaged as disciples of Jesus Christ. Help us to structure our priorities so we can witness faithfully to your will. Amen.

READING

Luke 15: 1 - 10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 356 *Seek Ye First the Kingdom*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And God's righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you'
Seek and you shall find:
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
3. We do not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

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SERMON

99 Out of a Hundred isn't Bad

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COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT 6565

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

HYMN VU 540 *Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving*

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
With a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.

HYMN VU 427 *To Show by Touch and Word*

To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.

Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
Our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
We need your guidance and your grace.

Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
And let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
Your wits about us where we live.

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BENEDICTION

One: May the Light of Christ shine from within you, creating hope in the darkness. May the love of God surround and strengthen you and touch those with whom you have contact. May the gentle spirit nudge you in the direction that you should go, and empower you to stand and not fall.

All: **May we seek out the lost and rejoice in their homecoming.
Amen**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN VU 477 *I Come with Joy* v.5

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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POSTLUDE

Voluntary - Walter Alcock (1861-1947) (Novello & co. Ltd.)

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Guest Minister**Rev. Dr. Nadene Grieve - Deslippe**

Nadene was born and raised in Hamilton. She did her undergraduate work at McMaster and studied theology at Queen's. She completed a Doctor of Ministry at McMaster Divinity College. She has served pastorates in Manitoba and Eastern Ontario and retired on September 30, 2020 from Cooke's-Portsmouth Church, Kingston. She is married to Michael and they have three living daughters and are proud grandparents to three grandchildren. Nadene anticipates enjoying her retirement as Covid restrictions and waves ebb.

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UPCOMING SERVICES

Sept 18: Rev Dr Nadene Grieve - Deslippe

Sept 25: Joint Truth and Reconciliation Group

This service will focus on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day, Fri, Sept. 30)



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After the service, you are invited to share refreshments and conversation at the back of the sanctuary today.

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