

# harcourt

An Affirming Ministry

February 17, 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS: The People with ... Miriam Flynn and Jim Ball

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Alison MacNeill

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VU—Voices United

Epiphany 6

MV—More Voices



~ Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a hearing assist device. ~

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed are we

All: **when our treasures cannot be quantified.**

One: Blessed are we

All: **when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.**

One: Blessed are we

All: **when our pain is held in the balm of love.**

One: Blessed are we

All: **when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.**

One: Blessed are we

All: **by the Centre, unchanging,**

One: Come, let us greet this fresh morning!

All: **Come, let us worship God!**

*Katherine Hawker amended*

**SONG** MV 28 God of the Bible

## GATHERING PRAYER

### SILENT PRAYER

**PRAYER SONG** VU 353 'Tis the Gift to be Simple

## ENGAGING THE STORY

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 1

**SUNG RESPONSE** MV 196 We Will Take What You Offer

**READING** Luke 6:17-26

**SUNG RESPONSE** MV 196 We Will Take What You Offer

## MESSAGE

**SONG** Heaven Shall Not Wait *John L. Bell/Graham Maule*

## OFFERING AND DEDICATION

**CHOIR SONG** The Gift of Love *Hal Hopson*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**SONG** VU 697 O for a World

## BLESSING

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This bulletin is sponsored by Marjorie Fraser in memory of her husband Bob and by Paul Webb in memory of his wife Irma.

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*Thanks to all who participated in today's service!*

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We leave this space today to live out our hope in the world. As we go, there is an opportunity to enjoy **coffee or tea**, hosted by Sarah Lowe and Alice Carey, and **conversation** with friends in the **Gymnasium** downstairs.

Blessings! Go with God!

Heaven Shall Not Wait     *John L. Bell and Graham Maule*

Heaven shall not wait  
for the poor to lose their patience,  
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:  
Jesus is Lord:  
he has championed the unwanted;  
in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait  
for the rich to share their fortunes,  
the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least:  
Jesus is Lord;  
he has shown the master's privilege -  
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

Heaven shall not wait  
for the dawn of great ideas,  
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:  
Jesus is Lord;  
he has married word and action;  
his cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven shall not wait  
for triumphant Hallelujahs,  
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:  
Jesus is Lord  
in our present imperfection;  
his power and love are for now and then for evermore.