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An Affirming Ministry

February 17, 10:30 a.m.

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

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Alison MacNeill

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

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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

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

Thanks to all who participated in today's service!

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.