

# harcourt

*An Affirming Ministry*

March 15, 2020 10:30 a.m.

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

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Alison MacNeill

VU—Voices United

**Lent 3**

MV—More Voices



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## WORDS OF WELCOME

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**HANDBELL CHOIR** Come My Way, My Truth, My Light  
*R. Vaughan Williams*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You who gather,  
remember ancient wisdom:

**All: “The day of my spiritual awakening  
was the day I saw— and knew I saw—  
all things in God and God in all things.”**

One: You who gather,  
imagine that such connection exists.  
Imagine that divinity links us to everyone and everything.  
What does such imagining say to our divisions and fears?

**All: We remember and imagine.  
We worship mindful of this ancient faith.  
We pray to see, and live as though we see,  
a world of love and acceptance.  
We would reach out afresh,  
with respect and understanding,  
and be not afraid.**

One: Let us worship together now!

**SONG** Shadow and Substance

## GATHERING PRAYER

### SILENT PRAYER

**PRAYER SONG** Return to God *Marty Haugen*

Return to God with all your heart,  
the source of grace and mercy;  
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

**READING** Acts 11:1-18

**SONG** MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

**ENGAGING THE STORY** *Paul Miller*

## OFFERING AND DEDICATION

**CHOIR SONG** How Different Can We Be? *Ruth Elaine Schram*

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

**SONG** MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

## BLESSING

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Today’s bulletin is sponsored by Lorraine Macpherson in loving  
memory of her husband Bruce.

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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 Marta and Malcolm Coutts, and **conversation** with friends in  
the **Gymnasium** downstairs. Blessings! Go with God!

**How Different Can We Be?** *Ruth Elaine Schram*

Many grains of sand make the shoreline;  
Many drops of water make the sea;  
Many flowers make the garden;  
Many threads, a tapestry.

Spread across this planet that we all share,  
Many types of faces I can see;  
Many lands and many nations;  
But, how different can we really be?

Kept apart by fences or walls,  
Separated by geography;  
Still our hearts can sense we are all  
many parts of the whole human race.  
How different can we really be?

How many stones it takes to make a mountain!  
Many stars to make a galaxy;  
Many trees to make a forest;  
Many notes, a symphony.

With our many neighbours so far away,  
Still we find we meet on common ground;  
We dream, we fly, we laugh and we cry.  
The more we learn, the more we've found.

One world, one human race,  
Room for individuality.  
Though we represent different places,  
How different can we be?