



Covenant

The United Church of Canada

a safe place for all people to worship

Ministers: the people
and Rev. Cindy Désilets

Thanksgiving ^A

8 October 2017.

Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

We are gathered here in community. A place has been made for each of us. Let what we say and do here be real for us in preparation for the life of the world. MAY IT BE SO.

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE *The candle is lit*

**May we be open to this light,
and to the rich possibilities that it brings us.**

HYMN: MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE VU 820

CELEBRATING WITH AMANDA

HYMN: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

Centering

Silence and Music of Reflection

Exploring

READINGS FROM OUR BROAD RELIGIOUS TRADITION

Deuteronomy 8:7–18 God will bring you to a bountiful land.

Psalm 65 God provides; the valleys shout and sing. **VU 782**

2 Corinthians 9:6–15 God loves a cheerful giver.

Luke 17:11–19 Ten healed; one returns to offer thanks.

CONTEMPORARY EXPLORATION

HYMN: PRAISE THE LORD WITH THE SOUND OF TRUMPET VU 245

Affirming & Celebrating

PRAYERS

OUR OFFERINGS WE GIVE OUR THANKS MV 187

Inspired by stories of a compassionate God, may we find a good feeling in our hearts so through these gifts we can help free some people from hunger, lift some people from their distress, and encourage some people to be part of a better world. AMEN

Scattering

HYMN: CALLED BY EARTH AND SKY

MV 135

PARTING WORDS

As we prepare to leave this sacred space where we have celebrated together, let us return to our homes and work enlivened and renewed...

The candle is extinguished

Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing and create.

We go with the encouragement of God.

Go into the world: risk, explore, discover and love.

We go with the empowerment of God.

Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle and remember.

We go with the assurance of the love of God.

WORDS OF BLESSING WORDS

May the Spirit which flows through all creation,
that speaks through the prophets and the poets,
and which acts through those who care,
be with us here today, and awaken us
to the unconquerable power of life ^(CReed/wah).

AMEN. MAY IT BE SO.

SUNG RESPONSE: EV'RY DAY IS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING MV 185

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