

Covenant

The United Church of Canada
Timmins, ON

a safe place for all people to worship

Ministers: the people

3rd February 2019
Epiphany 4th Sunday

Gathering

Entry into the Celebration *The gong is sounded three times*

Come to worship, each and every one of you
We come as individuals to be spiritually nourished
Come to worship with one another
We come as families and neighbours,
friends and acquaintances, each one
an important part of the community faith

**Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life
in the presentness of God.**

LIGHTING OF CANDLE

A candle is lit

Light, O God, is a wonderful gift,
it illuminates the space we are in.
The actions of light we describe in a variety of ways
light that clarifies
light that warns us dangers,
light that guides our footsteps,
light that reveals our future,
light that calms our fears,
light that offers insights.
As we gather in worship, we light this Christ candle.

Scattering

HYMN: I THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY

VU 509

WORDS OF MISSION

We entered worship, aware of the light of God
That shines through the life of Jesus the Christ
And now we depart, carrying that light of truth
Into the world, to share and to inspire

BLESSING WORDS

Go into the Day with confidence
for God goes with you.
Know peace, in the midst of turmoil
know patience, when challenges come,
know friendly support, in the lonely moments,
know purpose, when you are drifting,
and know God's limitless love
when you deeply feel the limits of this time and space.
Go into the day with confidence, for God goes with you.

AMEN.

RESPONSE: GO NOW IN PEACE

The candle is extinguished

HYMN: I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD VU 87

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HYMN: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE VU 506

OPENING SENTENCES

We follow a great light
the light that shines
in the shadowed places of creation.
But there is another light
the light that is the spark of the Divine in each of us.
So then let our light shine
and chase away the shadows.
Come let us worship God.

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

**As the sun rises to be the light of this physical world, so you rise before me to be the light for my spiritual path. Give me the assurance that you have placed along the path all that I will need to meet the challenges of this day. In expectation, I wait discovering you.
Amen.**

Centering

SILENCE AND MUSIC OF REFLECTION

Exploring

READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-10

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

CONTEMPORARY EXPLORATION

HYMN: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING VU 333

Affirming

PRAYERS

OFFERINGS: WHAT CAN I DO MV 191

PRESENTATION

**Loving God, like the magi we bring our gifts
We bring the work of our hands and hearts.
We bring a portion of our material wealth.
We pray that these gifts may be utilized in
your work and multiplied by your grace.
AMEN.**