



# Covenant

*The United Church of Canada*

a safe place for all people to worship

Ministers: the people

16 February 2020  
Epiphany 6<sup>A</sup>

## *Gathering*

Acknowledgement of Land  
*(An act towards reconciliation)*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*The gong is sounded three times*

The church is a group of people gathered together to share in the mission of Christ.

**God brings us together in order to share in praise and worship.**

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**God provides for us examples of inspiration and encouragement.**

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**God directs us to those who can teach by word and by example.**

The church is a group of people gathered together.

**Together, we share in the mission of Christ.**

**Together, we worship God.**

*(Bill Steadman, Goulais River U.C., Goulais River, ON)*

**LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE** *The candle is lit*

**HYMN: HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO WALK IN GOD'S WAYS VU 838**

### OPENING PRAYERS

It's part of the rhythm of our congregation's life, Loving God, to gather each winter, taking stock of how we have answered your call into the world.

You call us to love one another as you have loved us.

You call us to love our neighbour as we love ourselves –

even if that neighbour is a stranger to us or just strange in our perception.

You call us to love our enemies and even those who persecute us – despite how painful that may become.

You call us to shepherd your good creation by paying attention to the intricacies, the interdependence, the interconnectedness, and the wonder of life in our loving.

You call us to your mission and your ministry in this place as people who faith.

May you bless what we do this day as we meet, guiding our deliberations, informing our debates, and affirming our discipleship.

Journey with us in all we express and choose.

Amen.

*(Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, ON)*

**HYMN: LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING**

**MV 97**

## OUR OFFERINGS

God of many names,  
God of our ancestors and of our descendants,  
God of love and peace and justice,  
accept what we do and what we give this day.  
Accept the sacrifices we make, big and little,  
of our times, our energy, our resources.  
Bless what we offer, we pray,  
for the life-changing ministry of Jesus Christ.  
We ask this in his holy name. Amen  
*(Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, ON)*

## MEETING

### *Scattering*

**HYMN: WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME**

**VU 567**

## COMMISSIONING

As for us, in this house of worship called Covenant United  
Church, we will serve the Lord.  
Make this your watchword;  
make this your touchstone.  
Make this your guiding light. Amen.  
*(Kate Crawford, Huron Shores U.C., Grand Bend, ON)*

**HYMN: OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE**

**VU 371**

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