**First United Church**

*Seeking to be a welcoming community of Christian faith, proclaiming and celebrating the love of God in Jesus Christ through the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit*

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*MINISTERS: ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOD*

*Music Minister: Jody McDonald-Groulx*

*Secretary/Treasurer: Lori Hoffman*

*Custodian: Dave Luftenegger*

**Order of Service**

**\*** You are invited to stand if comfortable doing so

***Musical Prelude***

***Choral Prelude***

1. MV#92 “Like A Rock” (2x)

**Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.**

**Like the starry night sky God is over our head**

**Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.**

**Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.**

1. MV#7 “Gather Us In” (2x)

**Gather us in, ground us in you.**

**Gather us in, ground us in you.**

**Gather us in, gather us in, ground us, ground us in you.**

***Opening Prayer***

***Call to Worship:***

***One:*** *The Creator has gathered us to this place.*

***All: We open our hearts to hear the word of God.***

***One:*** *The Christ summons us to this place.*

***All: Where we can learn how to serve God without reservation or hesitation.***

***One:*** *The Spirit will send us from this place.*

***All: Where we can put our faith into action, and be true believers***

***and leaders of the faith through our word and deed.***

***Lighting of the Christ Candle***

**I am the light of world, you people come and follow me.**

**If we follow and love, we’ll learn the mystery**

**Of what we were meant to do and be.**

***Passing of the Peace (***VU #958“Halle, Halle, Halle*”****)***

***Welcome/Life and Work of the Church***

***Hymn of Praise:*** “O God, Send Out Your Spirit” (Chorus only) (2x)

**O God, send out your Spirit; renew the face of the earth.**

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***Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer***

***Hymn:*** VU#642 “Be Thou My Vision”

***Conversation with the Young People***

*Children may leave for the Activity Room* 😊

***Offering Ourselves, Tithes & Gifts:*** Solo: Dawn Bilinski

***Dedication Hymn:*** (tune “Eidelweiss”)

**God of Love, hear our prayer. Bless this offering we bring you. May our lives do Your will; guide and guard us forever. Give us courage to stand for truth; help us give to others. God of Love, hear our prayer, Bless this offering we bring you.**

***Scripture Reading***

***Hymn of Preparation:*** VU#509 “Here I Am”

***The Message***: Susan Grieve

***\*Hymn of Response:*** MV#214 “May God’s Sheltering Wings”

***\*Commissioning/ Benediction***

Closing - Sing: MV #209

**Go make a diff’rence. We can make a diff’rence.**

**Go make a diff’rence in the world.**

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***We are pleased to welcome the following individuals to our services this summer who will share their experiences with us:***

***July 28 Picnic at the Lakeside Pavillion – Pinafore Park***

***August 4 Rev. John Brown - communion***

***August 11 Chris Ross***

***August 18 Jamie MacArthur – Promise Keepers***

***August 25 Community Service at Disciples of Christ (east of Elgin Mall) – roast beef catered luncheon to follow at Central United***

***September 1 – we are back at First United for the fall. Join us as we continue to celebrate our 185th year of service to this community.***

***More details to follow.***