

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. McGowan

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come let us worship and lift our hearts . . .

**All: Not because the world is good and last week was awesome,
but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it,
the God of the whole Earth.**

One: O come let us worship and raise our hands . . .

**All: Not because our lives are all sweetness and light,
but because even those who walk in darkness
can see a great light, the Bright and Morning Star,
Jesus Christ.**

One: O come let us worship and bow down . . .

**All: Not because God gives us what we want,
but because God gives us what we need—
the holy child Jesus, God's Unspeakable Gift.**

* HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity. Our work has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern. Forgive us. Show us, through Jesus Christ, how to find our reward with you, as servants of your dram of hope and peace, justice and joy, and love and mercy . . .

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to greet one another with a sign of the peace God intends for us—saying “The peace of Christ be with you,” and responding, “And also with you.”

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

This is Stanza 3 of Hymn 475, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (NETTLETON).

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carol Gottliebsen

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1:29–42

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sanderford

RESPONDING

* PROFESSION OF FAITH

from The Iona Community, Scotland

One: We are not alone;

We live in God's world.

All: **We believe in God:**

Who has come in Jesus,

the word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church,

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* HYMN 336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON NANCY JANZ CLARK

Rev. Rogers

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Card

SENDING

* **HYMN 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

Please sing stanzas 1–4.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*This is stanza 5 of *Will You Come and Follow Me*.*

* **POSTLUDE**

* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type. Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.