

**COMMUNITY PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER****MUSIC BEFORE PRAYER (MV 21, sing 1X)**

*Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you, O loving God.  
Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you, O loving God.  
Open our hearts.*

words and music: Jim Strathdee

**HYMN - Sent Forth by God's Blessing (VU 481)****SUNG COMMISSIONING (MV 213) (sing 2X)*****Take Up His Song***

*Take up his song of love, and go into the world.  
Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment.  
In ev'ry moment of the journey,  
we're laying down our lives;  
lay them down, in love, lay them down,  
and take up his song.*

Words and music: Laura A. Herman 2005, arr. Robin King 2006

**POSTLUDE****KNOX UNITED CHURCH**

with our

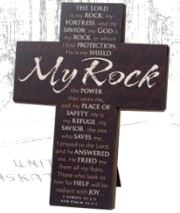
**Third Avenue United Church Friends**

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**SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 62)**

*There is room for all  
in the shadow of God's wing;  
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.  
And I rejoice and sing,  
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."  
There is room for all, there is room for all.*

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**CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER****HYMN - Spirit of the Living God (VU 376)****LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES****GREETING GOD'S FAMILY****ANNOUNCEMENTS****HOLY CONVERSATION (find VU 946)**

Here we are, people striving to follow Jesus' way, seeking to live into the heart of holiness. We give thanks that God's grace fills the world with holy

presence with love unlimited by our own limits and mistakes.

When we have been careless with our birthright, when we have failed Earth and each other, may we learn again how we are connected to all people and all of creation, our lives interwoven with the lives of others, and the life of the world.

When we have hidden our true intentions with delusions of our own righteousness, when we have been dishonest in word and deed, for personal gain or our own comfort, may we uncover our blindness, and take up Jesus' call for equity and justice.

When we have behaved dishonourably, when we hurt others and betray the trust of those near and far, may we find in the Spirit the will and the courage to fix our mistakes and recognize our humanity, forgiving ourselves and others for the hurt inflicted.

We pray that our hearts may be filled with a longing for reconciliation, and a yearning to put aside all that separates us from God and from our neighbour.



And so we sing:

(sing VU 946) (sing 3X)

***Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,  
Kyrie eleh--eh--eh--i--son.***

(ancient Latin worship phrase,  
translated: "Lord, have mercy")



Amen.

**HYMN - *We Are Pilgrims* (VU 595)**

**WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES**

**Hebrew Scriptures *Genesis 25:21-34***

Esau gives Jacob his birthright

**Gospel**

**Matthew 13: 1-9**

A parable of the kingdom

**REFLECTION**

**HYMN - *Praise God for This Holy Ground*  
(MV 42)**

**MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING**

**GIFT OF MUSIC - *The Holy City***

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